Slanging match over Labour film

Battle over leak eclipses issues

BY ROBIN OAKLEY AND PHILIP WEBSTER

THE Conservative party admitted last night that it had put the consultant at the centre of the health service dispute in touch with one of the newspapers that disclosed the name of Jennifer Bennett.

The admission by William Waldegrave, the health secretary, came after a day of fervid exchanges between the parties over who had been responsible for leaking the name of the girl, whose case inspired Labour's election broadcast after her lengthy wait for an ear operation.

The apparently trivial af-fair assumed key significance with both parties desperate to avoid blame for the leak and the subsequent media blitz on the family. Integrity was be-coming a crucial issue as the Conservatives sought to make Neil Kinnock's suitability as prime minister a focus of the campaign and Labour hit back after Mr Waldegrave's revelation with accusations of Conservative hypocrisy.

The latest twist in the dispute came as doctors deliv-ered an overwhelming vote of no-confidence in the health service reforms. General practitioners and consultants at the British Medical Association special conference in London voted by large major ities against the spread of fund-holding practices and the setting up of new waves of

self-governing trusts.

Both Mr Kinnock and John Major denied early yes-terday that their party offici-

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als were in any way respon-sible for leaking the girl's name in the publicity war. At a frantic afternoon press conference on the Tory health record, Mr Waldegrave later confirmed that the Tories had acted as a go-between, putting the girl's consultant in touch with the Daily

Alan Ardouin, the consultant, contacted Conservative Central Office about 40 minutes before the broadcast was shown to voice his concern about it. He had earlier been contacted by The Independent newspaper, who already had details of the broadcast. In the face of claims that

The Independent had been told about the broadcast from Labour sources. Andreas Whittam Smith, the newspaper's editor, said last night that its information had not come from the Labour party or anyone connected with it. The newspaper also made plain its information did not come from the Conservatives.

sure provoked Labour out-rage Robin Cook, the party's health spokesman, demanded the health secretary's resignation, saying that he had close details about a patient. Earlier, in a bizarre day

which saw journalists being angrily and publicly quizzed by colleagues about their re-ports, Julie Hall, Mr Kinnock's press secretary, interrupted a Labour press conference in Nottingham to challenge reporters about al-legations that she had given a clue to the child's identity.

Paddy Ashdown dismissed the continuing dispute last night as showing more about the priorities of the two other parties than anything else. We should have spent the last 24 hours discussing the real issues of health care instead of listening to puerile claims and counter-claims about who leaves what to whom. Most people in this country will be bewildered and perplexed at this whole miserable charade."

The Conservatives claimed that they had boosted health spending to levels never achieved by Labour govern-ments, while Labour announced they had set up a hotline to take the hundreds of complaints they were receiving about health service delays following their election broadcast. Labour accused the Tories of erecting a smokescreen to obscure their record on the health service. The Tories believed, since



what they argued was a dishonest broadcast, that they had the issue to hand on which to focus on him personally, something they have been keen to do as opinion polls underline the prime minister's greater public

Mr Kinnock hit out at the Conservatives, saying: "The Tory party have done an unforgivable wrong to a little girl by their cynical conduct and everyone knows that prime minister had no knowedge of the consultant's contacts with Conservative Central Office.

Last night Conservative Central Office denied that they had given the child's name to newspapers. They insisted that they had not known her name until the morning after the broadcast when it appeared in newspa-pers. It had not been disclosed in a fax sent to them nine days before by the girl's grandfather, a former Tory

mayor, alerting them to

Hard pressed: Julie Hall, Mr Kinnock's press secretary, giving her side of the story in Nottingham yesterday

broadcast, As the accusations about who had leaked the child's name eclipsed most other news yesterday, Mr Kinnock tried in vain to shift public attention to the ambulance workers and Mr Major visited York district hospital. which is due to take on self-

governing status. The prime minister chal-lenged Labour to come clean over its attitude to private medicine and argued that the party had been dishonest in

suggesting that it was wrong Labour's plans for a

for patients to jump queues for surgery by paying for private treatment. Speaking after his hospital tour, Mr Major said that the Labour health broadcast was "inaccurate unless they are going Continued on page 18, col 7

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bills of 18m customers

BY DAVID YOUNG

domestic consumers are to be the success of their privatisafrozen from April I, and tion programme and their prices are likely to fall in the autumn. British Gas is to also strict regulatory formula. Labour, in turn, will demand introduce a charter promis-ing improvements in the that the benefits of large profits from a former state-owned quality of its service, and will company should be passed on to the consumer.

quanty of its service, and will
compensate customers when
it is found lacking.
But Sir James McKinnon,
the director-general of Ofgas,
the independent watchdog
for the industry, said that he
was disappointed that a price
cut was not being annuraced. cut was not being announced on April 1. He said: "All the present indicators are that a price can should be justified."

Sir James said that if overall standards did not improve, then he would review prices to assess whether customers were being overcharged. He would be asking British Gas to justify its "do

nothing" stance. The price freeze comes after a year in which British Gas has held prices for domestic consumers under the rate of inflation, but also at a time when the company's profits have been criticised following the disclosure that chairman Robert Evans's pay rose 17.6 per cent to £1,252 a week.

British Gas is now under severe pressure to announce an autumn price cut. Only an unexpected increase in the inflation rate - present gov-ernment predictions are that it will be well under 4 per cent by October - would prevent a reduction in domestic tariffs. Conservative politicians are

whims and cavalier attitudes of a monopolist". The new commitment to

customers includes: ☐ A £10 compensation for broken appointments, unless a day's notice of cancellation The company will be re-viewing prices in June with

is given.

"Friendly, clear, simple" replies within five working days to customers' letters.

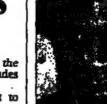
Gas supplies restored Ofgas. Any price cut, likely to be announced in July, would within one working day when come into effect in October. they are cut off for safety reasons. If not, £20 a day Cedric Brown, the senior managing director of British Gas, said yesterday: "There is compensation will be paid. ☐ The elderly, disabled and the vulnerable will not be not much doubt that if inflation continues to go in the

left without adequate heating and cooking facilities. Failure direction it is going, then the next price movement will be to provide such services will result in £10 a day compensadownwards. The announcement of a price freeze is in effect a reduction in price in tion, except when emergencies have hit supply. real terms, given the current □ Telephone calls anlevel of inflation." swered within 30 seconds.

Gas prices last went up last April by 3.6 per cent. Over the past four years, prices have fallen by 14 per cent in real terms, British Gas said. Mr Brown said that al-though fixed compensation payments were being intro-duced, the aim would be to Under a new pricing for-'get it right first time". Ian Powe, the director of the Gas Consumer Council,

mula negotiated between British Gas and Ofgas, which comes into effect on April 1, prices could fall later this year when supply contracts are renegotiated with North Sea producers, and when the October inflation rate is Sir James, however, wel-

comed the new British Gas committment to customer service, describing it as "a new dawn for Britain's gas users". He said: "No longer



Tyson is jailed for six years

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN INDIANAPOLIS

MIKE TYSON, the former world heavyweight boxing

Even with time off for good

The imprisonment began

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Tyson: prison sentence could bankrupt him

champion, was senienced to six years imprisonment yesterday for raping an 18-year-old beauty queen contestant during a Miss Black America pageant here last July.

behaviour the sentence will very likely end the career of the youngest, richest and most infamous champion in boxing history and could well bankrupt him. Tyson stared impassively ahead as the sentence was delivered.

immediately. Judge Patricia Gifford refused to release the boxer, aged 25, on bail pend-Continued on page 18, col 3

Libya puts £177m in Lonrho hotel deal BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF ROLAND "Tiny" Rowland, profits fell from £273 million chief executive of Lonrho, the to £207 million, and the final international trading condividend was cut sharply. But despite questions about how much longer the 74-year-old glomerate, personally han-dled negotiations with the

Mr Rowland could carry on, Libyan Arab Foreign Investand the dismay at Lonrho's ment Company that involves a cash injection of £177.5 poor performance in 1991. million in exchange for a oneno shareholders seriously third stake in Metropole Horaised doubts about the Libytels group, Lonrho's annual meeting was told yesterday.

The deal gives the Libyan authorities a direct stake in the British chain that has hotels in London, Brighton, Birmingham and Blackpool, and the right to appoint two of out eight directors to Metropole's board. Lonrho added that it had

been talking with the Libyan authority "for weeks", but de-clined to identify who initiated the deal, or if Colonel Gadaffi had been directly involved. Lonrho said the deal was a "personal achieve-ment" of Mr Rowland, and that the money had been already been received and banked in London.

The cash injection into Metropole would be used for the further development of the group, and to help reduce Metropole's debts. Lonrho has extensive interests throughout Africa, and said that the Libyan conection was commercially minded.

The announcement was made only hours before Lonrho's annual meeting, and on the day that the United Nations met to consider trade sanctions against In 1991, Lonrho's pre-tax

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Lucky thirteen wins bridge player's heart

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welcomed the commitment

but said: "They are both over-

due and underdone. Overdue

because electricity has worked to similar standards

for nearly two years already; underdone because British

Gas insists that customers

must claim compensation

and will not pay the compen-

sation automatically."

By JOHN YOUNG

SO WHAT'S the big deal? That might be the excusable response of those who are not bridge players on learning that Bill McNall of Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, had dealt himself a hand consisting of all 13 cards of the hearts suit.

But they might reconsider when they discovered that, according to the Guinness Book of Records, the odds against such an event are 158,753,389,999 to one. The book does not record any instance of it happening before.

In contract bridge, as in whist, the 52-card pack is shuffled and dealt between the four players. The players are paired and bid in partnership according to how many "tricks" they think they can win. Bidding continues clockwise until three out of the four players pass. A

successful bid of, say, three spades, means that the player is contracted to make nine tricks (six plus three), with spades as trumps. He plays both from his own hand and that of his partner, whose cards are face up

A good hand is obviously one which contains an above average quota of high cards, namely aces, kings and queens. But much de-pends on distribution, the way the suits are split. A player with seven or eight cards of the same suit is in a strong position, since he can expect to make several extra tricks if he is the highest bidder and that suit is designated as trumps. Nine of the same suit would be remark-able, ten exceptional, eleven a oncein-a-lifetime experience for even a

regular player.

A hand containing all 13 hearts is, on the face of it, an automatic "grand slam"; that is to say, with hearts as trumps, the holder cannot fail to make all 13 tricks. But it is not as simple as that. If he opens with a lower bid, he is faced with the possibility that none of the other players will respond, in which case he misses a cast-iron slam; his partner will not support a hearts bid, because he will have none himself. His only realistic choice is an immediate bid of seven hearts.

Grand slams are, however, com-monplace. Mr McNall was apparently allowed to make his contract. but that was of no consequence compared with the extraordinary chance of the deal. People watching the game at the Carlton Club, in Gateshead, rushed for their calculators and, unable to cope with the astronomical odds, turned to the record book. Mr McNall, aged 58, Continued on page 18, col 6



His heart in his hand: Bill McNall displays his perfect deal

Savings by councils

Direct debit poll tax to be paid early

By Douglas Broom LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

MOST of the 18 million people who pay the commuruity charge by direct debit are being asked to pay up to a month earlier this year to save councils millions of pounds.

Most councils have waited until the middle or end of the month before taking instalment payments from bank accounts. This year many are switching to the first of the month to try to keep collec-tion accounts in the black and reduce the need to borrow to meet commitments.

Much of the surcharge added to bills for non-payment has been caused by the cost of borrowing to cover late payments and council treasurers hope that this will be reduced by bringing forward

payment dates. The financial effect on individuals of the change will be fairly modest. The average community charge in England this year will be £279.34. or £27.94 a month, according to a poil tax survey by The Times. Although the sums involved are small in compar-

Spelling guide cuts out tricky bits

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA **EDUCATION REPORTER**

"TRUBLSM speing prob-lms that have bedevid riting in english for centuris could be soon be a thing of the past, accord-ing to an improbable spell-ing manual launched

yesterday.
The Simplified Spelling
Society's Handbook to Cut
Spelling offers a
rationalised version of the language. Letters irrele-vant to pronunication, un-stressed vowels before I, m. n and r and double consonants are all destined for the linguistic pedal-bin. No more tricky "b" in debt, or illogical "gh" in

daughter.
The technique is claimed to be 10 per cent more concise than traditional spelling, with no loss of clarity. "Since most words ar unchanjed and few letrs substituted," the introduction says, "one has th im-pression of norm! ritu english with a lot of od slips. rather than of a totaly new riting system." Time at the word-processor would be saved, public signs would be smaller and consumption of paper would fail. the manual adds.

the manual adds.

Cut spelling may bear an alarming resemblance to the streamlined languages of Orwell's 1984, but Christopher Upward, author of the handbook, said that it would improve stan-dards of literacy. "Many other nations achieve higher standards of literacy because their languages use the alphabet properly to represent the sounds of words," he said. "My research shows that university students can spell better in German than in

English."
Not everyone accepts that traditional spelling should be swept away. "I would not go so far as to say it was a mutilation of the language, but it is not far off. Anne Barnes, gen-eral secretary of the Nat-ional Association for the Teaching of English, said.
"No language is written the way it is pronounced and regional accents mean that words are said in many ways." The changes would make the language blood stripping it are. bland, stripping it, per-haps, of all its glamr.

ison to average earnings the potential of the changed payment date to cause irritation has yet to be tested. Among the first to intro-

duce the change was Conservative-controlled South Buckinghamshire council which said that it will save £60,000 a year in interest charges, equivalent to £1.50 a head off poll tax. "We gave all our direct debit payers three weeks' notice and out of 46,500 charge payers I think we had ten complaints," Barry Preedy, council treasurer, said. "We have to pay over the monthly precept to the county council on the tenth of each month but up to now our direct debit date was the 15th, which meant we had to borrow for five days to cover the cost of the precept.

About half of the 37 million registered charge payers in England pay by direct debit in ten equal monthly instalments. Ian Ward, assistant finance secretary at the Association of District Councils, said that most could expect to pay earlier this year.

Part of the reason is that, although this is the final year of the poll tax, it is the first time that bills have gone out on time so councils have the opportunity to ask for payment on the nail," he said. "It also makes sense to avoid borrowing and, providing councils give two clear weeks notice, they are entitled to collect the first instalment on the day it falls due, April 1." If every council was to make similar savings to those

forecast by South Buckinghamshire the total saving to local authorities would be more than £12 million in the full financial year.

In London and the metro-politan areas councils must make monthly payments to police, fire and passenger transport authorities regardless of the amount they have collected in poll tax. Shire districts have to pay monthly precepts to county councils which account for more than 80 per cent of the money the districts raise in poll tax. • The trade and industry de-

partment renewed its attempt a final judgment at the High Court in London yester day in its action against Fred Trull, who said people could avoid paying poll tax by buy-ing £1 shares in a Cornish tin mining company.
The scheme was halted

when the department obtained injunctions against Mr Trull, aged 67, and others associated with what it said was an illegal enterprise. Re-ceivers were appointed to try to recover up to £1.25 million thought to have been invested by the public in Mr Trull's Royal Cornish Consols Uni-ted Tin Mines Cost Book

The hearing continues

A THEATRE full of discon-tented secretaries and person-

a great time at the Barbican

Centre in London yesterday, grumbling about their bosses' inadequacies, indecision and

The occasion was a series of

seminars arranged with the London Secretary and Office Management Show, and this

was the third day of the secre-

taries' insurgency.
All yesterday's sessions
were fully subscribed, and in

some the subject was having a

second airing in front of another full house. Mary Overton of the Industrial So-

ciety expatiated on the right

ways to take decisions and

solve problems. From the la-

dies' questions afterwards, it

was evident that senior per-

sonnel in their places of em-

badly timed dictation.



The Yanks are coming: Dame Vera Lynn with Colonel James Goodson, thought to be the first American to join the RAF in the second world war, launching a programme to attract American veterans to Britain to mark the 50th anniversary of the arrival of their troops

tentionally homeless" and not

entitled to council accommo-

dation. The test cases have

been brought on the chil-dren's behalf by their parents.

Moses Bentum, from Bex-

ley, southeast London, whose parents were declared inten-

tionally homeless after failing

to keep up mortgage pay-ments on their house in

Thamesmead, southeast

London, asked through law-

yers for a court order over-

turning the borough's refusal

Irish women to get abortion information

By Edward Gorman, Ireland correspondent

IRISH anti-abortion campaigners yesterday expressed disappointment over government proposals to allow abortion information to be available to women in the republic. The proposals were part of

an amendment to Ireland's anti-abortion protocol to the Maastricht treaty on Europe-an political and economic union, designed to bring Ire-land into line with EC law. The government has been forced to amend the protocol, which protects Ireland's constitutional ban on abortion from EC social legislation, after a non-binding decision of the Supreme Court last

Delivering judgment in the case of a 14-year-old rape victim initially prevented from travelling to Britain for an abortion, the judges found by a 4-1 majority that abor-Ireland in certain circumstances. Three of the judges also expressed non-binding opinions that under the constitution at present, the right to life of the unborn should take precedence over the right to travel, a view in contraven-tion of EC law.

The new amendment tackles this and takes account of a government decision earlier this week to accept that information on abortion services elsewhere in the EC must now be made available. The amendment states: "This pro-tocol shall not limit freedom to travel between member

ployment had yet to grasp the basic principles of those im-

Miss Overton's method for

decision making involves working carefully through "the 5 Cs". These are consid-

er, consult, crunch, commu-

nicate and check. Many bad decisions were taken, she sug-gested, on the spur of the moment, without consider-

ation or consultation. When it

came to the crunch, though, she had a some more Cs in reserve. "If arguments are balanced", she advised, "take

the courageous course. Go for

As for problem solving,

Miss Overton preached the

what you believe is right."

portant functions.

information relating to services lawfully available in member states.

The government is hoping the protocol will not be seized upon by anti-abortion campaigners as a reason to campaign against the Maastricht treaty, which will be put to a referendum, probably in June. If the treaty falls in Ireland it will fall in all EC

Mary Lucey, of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, did not rule out a campaign against the treaty. "It is far too high a price to pay for European integration and European unity, that we have to buy it at the expense of the lives of unborn babies."

Dr Lucey said she was not against the right to travel but believed the wording of the amendment would allow abortion referral in Ireland. "I am certain that the vast do not want abortion in our country. While the constitutional

ban on abortion was carried by majority of 2-1 in the 1983 referendum, observers predict that a new campaign against Maastricht would not succeed this time. They point to the likely consensus among the main political parties in support of the government. Padraig Flynn, minister of justice, said he was hoping for a consensus and that the op-position would accept the

words chosen. It was realistic that "people should have in-formation to do with what is

preferability of the positive

raised a difficulty about the

professional incompetence of men put in charge of dictat-

ing machines.
"I know", Miss Overton

sympathised. "They do not

use the tape to erase their mistakes. They just say: 'Sor-ry typist. I didn't mean that. Could you take it out?' And

then they suddenly say in the

middle of some dictation that

you've just got round to at five to five. By the way, I need this by five tonight." Miss Overton had taken

the positive attitude to this headache already. "I have written a book about it from

Women ridicule the late dictators

An assertive spirit among discontented secretaries is emerging from a series of

popular seminars, Robin Young reports

Homeless boys seek court order to rehouse families

BY ADAM FRESCO

THE High Court is being asked to rule that two hometo consider his personal application for a home. less five-year-old boys are le-gally entitled to demand that If he is re-housed, his parents, two sisters and brother local authorities must house would be entitled to share his them, even though their par-ents have been declared "innew accommodation. Lawyers for Graham Gar-

lick, from Oldham, Lancashire, made a similar challenge against Oldham council. His mother Sharon, aged 20, was declared intentionally homeless after being refused new accommodation following eviction from coun-

cil property for rent arrears. George Warr, counsel for Graham, said that the boy and his mother were now having to live at temporary addresses. It was not absurd

plication for accommodation as he was capable of answering the basic question: "Do you want a house for you and your mother, or no house, or do you want to be taken into care?" he said.

Oldham council said that Graham's application was a sham and "a transparent device" to get round the law.

David Watkinson, counsel for Moses, told Mr Justice Henry that the boy was clearly vulnerable and "in priority need" of help and could not be said to have made himself intentionally homeless. Bex-ley was therefore obliged to reconsider his application. The hearing continues



hour attempt to buy a painting of London by Antonio Canaletto (Sarah Jane Checkland writes). View of the Old Horse Guards Parade, seen above, will be sold at Christie's on April 15 unless about £3 million can be raised. Holbein's Lady with a Sparrow will be auctioned on that date unless appared by the second of the control of the charge of the control of the charge of the charg unless negotiations between Neil MacGregor, the National Gallery's direc-tor, and Lord Cholmondeley, its owner, are

the typist's point of view", she said. "Buy him a copy." "Frankly my boss is hope-

me talk him into sending him

here to find out how I could

put him right."
In a following session Gina
King, of the Industrial Soci-

ety's equal opportunities de-partment, dealt with "diffi-

cult situations at work".
which included some fairly
effective put downs suggested
for dealing with sexual har-

successful. Nicholas Serota, the Tate's disuccessful. Nicholas Serota, the Tate's director, hopes to raise enough to attract the
Canaletto's owner, Lord FitzHarris. "The
Tate has no painting by Canaletto, although
his work in England is of crucial importance," Mr Serota said. Lord FitzHarris
says that he did offer the painting to the
national collections before approaching
Christie's but was turned down. Sir Hugh
Leggatt, of Heritage in Danger, has
described the Canaletto as a masterpiece.

Waite quits church job to write book

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

less", said one personal assis-tant brightly, "but he did take one sensible decision. He let Canterbury's secretary for Anglican Communion Affairs at Lambeth Palace. Mr Waite's period in office, during which he became known as the archbishop's special envoy, ends officially at the end of May, but in mid-April he will take up a fellowship at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he plans to write his "If you are suffering from harassment or bullying at work", she advised, "learn to be assertive in your rejection and explain why the behaviour is unacceptable. What needs to change is not us, but our vulnerability." book, Taken on Trust.

Mr Waite, speaking on the steps of Lambeth Palace, said he hoped that he would be able to carry on working for justice and reconciliation and helping the poor, and that the proceeds from the book

TERRY Waite yesterday re-signed as the Archbishop of would be sufficient to support

him in those tasks. Mr Waite was at Lambeth Palace more than twice as long as the normal spell for a senior staff member. Canon Roger Symon, who handled the job during Mr Waite's imprisonment, will take over from June 1. ☐ The archbishop, George Carey, and Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi, have called

for dialogue between Jews and Palestinians in Israel. In a debate to be broadcast on LBC radio on Sunday. Dr Sacks said: "The Jewish partners to that dialogue are there, ready, willing and

Maxwell's wine cellar fetches £93,000

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Robert Maxwell's wine cellar hammer at Christie's yesterday when just over 3,000 bottles fetched £93.174 (Robin Young writes).

All his burgundy and much of his claret was in magnums, and there were also doublemagnums (equivalent to four bottles) and impériales (an eight-bottle size).
The wines, technically the

property of Headington Holdings Ltd (in administration), were described as "re-cently removed from the excellent purpose-built, tem-perature and humidity controlled cellars of Headington Hill Hall". A Daily Mirror insider, though, claimed that grand as that might sound the wines had in fact shared their accommodation with Mr Maxwell's pet labradors.

An impériale of Château Figeac 1982 sold for £550, twice its high estimate. The London hotelier who purchased it, Faik Aydin Ezenm said he had bought the bottle for display purposes, and had no intention of drinking its

Château Cheval Blanc 1982 reached £990 a dozen, compared with an upper esti-mate of £660, and Château Talbot of the same vintage (which was clearly Mr Maxwell's favourite year, since he had bought wine of it from 38 different châteaux) reached a bid price of £270, compared with the auctioneers' top estimate of £200.

Guard dies in security raid

A security guard died in hospital last night after being shot while making a delivery to Boots the Chemist in Greenock, Strathclyde. Derek Ure, aged 21, of Glasgow, and a colleague were attacked yesterday afternoon by three masked raiders, one

armed with a shotgun.

After shooting Mr Ure, the gang escaped in a dark blue Volkswagen Passat, which they later abandoned in Greenock and transferred to a silver H-registration Vauxhall Calibra. Police have not said whether any money

Rushdie threat Muslim leaders in Britain

yesterday warned Salman Rushdie that his life was "ingreater danger" following the announcement that a paper-back version of his novel, The Satanic Verses, is to be pubwithin weeks. Liagat Huss-ain, president of the Bradford Council for Mosques, said: "He is in greater danger now than ever before. There is no way back for him now."

Peer accused

The Marquess of Bristol was accused of attempting to per-vert the course of justice by offering inducements to a witness in a court case when he appeared with another man before magistrates at Bury St Edmunds yesterday. Lord Bristol, aged 37, was jointly charged with Nicholas Ashley, aged 43, both of Ickworth House, near Bury. They were granted conditional bail until May 12.

£2,250 fine

A hunt master, Anthony Coursenay, of Toddington. Bedfordshire, was fined a total of £2,250 with £1,500 costs at Dunstable for illegally running a knacker's yard, and breaking meat regulations. Two tonnes of frozen unfit cattle and horse carcass-es, which had not been steril-ized or stained, were found on his farm. Courtenay also illegally transported meat from his farm to be fed to Enfield Chase Hunt hounds.

Rabid dog alert A dog thought to have rabies was quarantined after walk-ing off a Croatian ship with a crew member at Newport. Gwent, yesterday. The dog is in an isolation cage in kennels which are awaiting instructions from trading standards officers to have it destroyed.

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Children play with fire to reduce the risk of arson

BY NICK NUTTALL

BRITISH researchers have developed a pioneering system for treating young arson-ists, which they believe might play a crucial role in stemming the nation's increasing arson rate that costs more than £63 million a year.

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Psychologists attempt to translate a child's natural curiosity for fire into an enthusiasm for fire prevention. In one session, young arsonists are asked to start and then tackle a real blaze. They are rewarded with cream cakes

for acting quickly.

There has been a big increase in the number of attacks on educational estab-

Sex offence treatment 'at risk'

THE rehabilitation of young sexual offenders could be jeopardised by the Criminal Justice Act, the conference was told (Nick Nuttal writes).

Mike Nener, a psychologist from a youth treatment centre in Birmingham, said that the net would have the

that the act would haive the sentences for such offenders from 28 to 14 months, giving psychologists less time for treatment. He said research indicated that more than 20 months were needed with such offenders if treatment was to be given the best chance of success.

Mr Nener highlighted the case of Gary [not his real name], a teenager sexually abused by an uncle and who had grown up believing that sex was obtained on demand. At 15 he raped a girl in an attempt to resolve his confusion over his sexuality.

At the centre Gary had therapy and now, three years later, was living with a girl and had not reoffended. Mr Nener said the case underscored the success that could be achieved with young sexual offenders and which could

lishments." Muckley, a psychologist, told the British Psychological So-ciety conference in Harro-gate, North Yorkshire, yesterday. "The peak age for those found guilty is 14 to 16 years. Clearly the problem is getting out of control."

Mr Muckley, of the Aycliffe Centre for Children, in Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham, one of the largest centres in Europe for treating and as-sessing seriously disturbed adolescents, said that arson was one of the most under researched areas of psycho-logical study in Brimin.

The treatment programme involves ten specially devel-

oped sessions. The attitudes towards fire of the young arsonists are assessed and studies are carried out on the child's home, school and leisure interests.

The children are given a

choice between striking up to 25 matches or receiving a reward of small coins. They are also asked to give a match to someone they like and invited to extinguish it. Other sessions include viewing vid-cos of fires to highlight the danger, visits to fire stations, playing special card and board games that reinforce the risks of fires and the

importance of prevention.

The researchers are also working with the Tyne and Wear fire service on visits to the homes of known young arsonists. Mr Muckley said that the research was at an early stage but that the find-ings from the new treatment programme were proving ex-tremely encouraging at en-suring young arsonists did not re-offend.

Of the 14 young arsonists studied at the centre, each had on average lit 15 fires and research suggested that most of the children thought that they would never be caught. Studies there found that "playing with fire" was part of a child's natural curiosity. Surveys show that al-most a third of children up to



By Peter Victor

A COUTTS Bank manager who spent thousands of pounds of rival firms' money after being given two years to live was rightly dismissed, an industrial tribunal ruled yesterday. David Bright, a £23,000-a-year customer account manager, decided to go out with a bang after doctors told him, wrongly, that he was suffering from an incurable bone disease.

Mr Bright, aged 30, of Becontree Heath, east London, claimed that he was unfairly dismissed by Couns last May. The tribunal, at Chelsea, southwest London, rejected the claim. although it considered that the the rule banning staff from borrow-

ing elsewhere was outdated.

Mr Bright owed £20,000 to other banks and moneylenders, in breach of Couns' regulations barring staff from banking with other companies. Before doctors realised their mistake, Mr

Bright had spent £5,000 on a holiday in Florida, £13,000 on a BMW and had borrowed £8,000 from his father. Before being dismissed, he had helped to run Counts's Strand branch in central London. He said that he was

devastated at losing his job. Andrew Hogarth, his rep-resentative, said that Mr Bright was told in 1989 that he had about two years to live. On leaving hospital, he went on a spending spree as the consequences no longer seemed relevant.

He eventually owned up to colleagues, hoping that the bank would help to bail him out of trouble.

Rachel Davies, tribunal chairman, said: "However old-fashioned the regulation. whatever its future prospect of abolition, however defunct the reason for its origin, the facts remain it was still in force when Mr Bright maintained outside accounts."



Pas de deux: Dame Alicia Markova, the prima ballerina, with a half-length bronze of herself at the National Portrait Gallery yesterday. The bronze, was made by the late Richard Browne in 1961. Dame Alicia agreed to sit for the sculptor after she had unveiled his Family Group in Crawley. The half-length bronze has been given to the gallery by the sculptor's family. Another cast belongs to the Royal Ballet School.

Cheapest heart care 'proves the best'

ADRIAN BROOKS

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE cheapest treatment for heart attacks is also the best. according to what is claimed as the biggest trial in the history of medicine.

The results of the trial, coordinated from the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford and published tomorrow in The Lancet, show that a combination of the clot-busting drug strepngkinase with aspirin is as effective as more modern and much more expensive drugs - tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) and anistreplase (APSAC). It is also safer, causing fewer strokes from bleeding into the brain.

Dr Rory Collins, co-ordina-tor of the trial, said: "Both this trial and an earlier one involving 20,000 patients indicate no survival differences whatsoever — either in the short term or in the longer term - but there are about four extra strokes per thou-sand patients given tPA." The results will disappoint

Wellcome PLC, manufacturers of tPA, and SmithKline Beecham, who make APSAC. They provided £4 million to Oxford University to fund the study that has shown their expensively developed drugs to he no better and in some ways worse than the long established streptokinase. The study collected data on 41,299 patients from 1,000

hospitals in 20 countries.

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Labelling promotes healthier diets

BY OUR SCIENCE EDITOR

FOOD labels designed to help people to eat a healthy diet have been developed by the Coronary Prevention Group. They describe the nutrient contents of food in terms of "high", "low" and medium".

According to the group, consumers are baffled by nutrient levels in foods which are described in a variety of

The Co-op said yesterday that it would be adopting the group's scheme. The labels

nutrition information

Diet advice: how the labels would look

will show levels of energy. protein, carbohydrate, sugurs, fat, saturated fat, dietary

fibre and sodium. The Food and Drink Federation said yesterday that the new system could promote the erroneous concept of good" and "bad" foods. The risk is that consumers will pay undue attention to individual foods without considering their role or importance in the whole diet," a spokesman said.

to Jersey judge is lifted

Ultimatum

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE government has lifted an ultimatum to a senior judge in Jersey that he leave office in seven days or be dismissed after members of the island's parliament unan-imously challenged the order.

Sir Clive Whitmore, the permanent secretary at the Home Office, has agreed to postpone removing the island's deputy bailiff from office until after he has seen a delegation of eight MPs from the internal secretary. the island next week.

The ultimatum to Vernon Tomes, aged 61, led hunprotest in St Helier at British government interference in the island's affairs. Mr Tomes, whose role as deputy bailiff includes acting as a High Court judge, was sum-moned to the Home Office last week after complaints from lawyers and the Jersey Law Society about delays of

up to four years in the delivery of reserved judgments. Sir Peter Crill, the island's balliff, said yesterday that in 1988, Mr Tomes, who was appointed in 1986, had been relieved of dealing with current cases so that he could clear the backlog of reserved

In 1990, David Waddington, then home secretary, gave Mr Tomes six months to clear the backlog and in October last year Kenneth Baker gave him three months to put things right, Sir Peter said. Last night, supporters of

Mr Tomes accused the gov-ernment of failing to take into account tesitimonials in his support or of recognising the efforts he had made to deal with the matter.



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Bird sets twitchers aflutter

By KERRY GILL

PLANELOADS of "twitchers" descended on Shetland yesterday, desperate to catch a glimpse of the rare Pine Grosbeak, last reported to be sitting in a spruce tree in a Lerwick garden. The sighting was described by birdwatching enthusiasts as a "real blocker". The breed, last seen in

Britain on Lindisfarne, Northumberland, 17 years ago, usually lives in northern Scandanavia and parts of Russia. Pine Grosbeaks are about the same size as large crossbills, with a short, stubby beak and a golden-coloured head and breast.

Late yesterday, about 40 twitchers had begun a close watch on the bird, which is either a female or young male. Although the aim of twitchers is to record spot-ting as many different birds as possible, the Pine Grosbeak will be just as en-thrailed at the sight of the



birdwatchers since it is unlikely to have seen a human being before, let alone hundreds with binoculars pressed over their noses.

Chris Donald, of the Shetland bird club, said that it may have been on the mainland island for two weeks, as a gardener had reported seeing a "large crossbill" for some time. "In twitchers' jargon, this is a real blocker." He said that the twitchers would give the bird as much space as pos-sible although, if it remains

are expected to fly in today and over the weekend. Twitchers will drop almost anything, even risking their jobs, on hearing that a

rare bird has arrived in the British Isles. One recently admitted that he had run up an overdraft of £20,000 in travelling costs. Others have had to change jobs constantly after employers grew tired of them "going sick" whenever an exotic bird was reported in some distant spot.

Twitchers will brave storms to reach remote islands, spend freezing nights in the open and put up with the ridicule of locals in their desperation to record as many species as possible. Ron Johns of Staines, west London, has had 486 sightings. Last night, as scheduled flights brought more twitchers into Sumburgh airport, it emerged that 15 of them had chartered an aircraft

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Police videos fuel fears of Heathrow theft racket

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

HEATHROW police and security chiefs believe they have uncovered a sophisticated racket involving the theft of high value goods and cash from passengers' baggage being transferred between international flights.

Detectives acting in the wake of reports of missing items installed secret video cameras to film security guards as they hand-searched passengers' bags after they had passed through x-ray machines in the airport's transfer area. They claim to have recorded several men taking cameras, cash, gifts and hightechnology equipment from luggage, which must be searched on government orders in an attempt to thwart potential bombers.

None of the passengers. whose bags were tampered with had any idea that they might have been robbed and none has made a formal com-

Cocaine dominates drug runs

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

COCAINE is the substance most frequently found on drug smugglers at Heathrow airport, a survey shows.
Almost half of the 149

people who appeared at Ux-bridge magistrates court, west London, over a six month period, accused of drug smuggling at Heathrow were alleged to have been carrying cocaine. The survey. by Middlesex area probation service, showed that 34 per cent were said to have had cannabis, 14 per cent heroin and the rest other drugs. Some 37 per cent of defen-

dants were British, 16 per cent were Nigerian, 4 per cent were from other African countries and 9 per cent were-Colombian. The initial results of the survey, which covered the six months to the end of February, were presented at a conference on drug couriers in London yesterday.

In a separate report, Penny Green, a lecturer in law at said that there were indications that Nigeria had become important as a transit zone for opium from the East because of the success of the West in blocking other routes.

plaint, but police traced the passengers to destinations around the world and are trying to establish the full extent of the losses.

They believe that some bags which had been opened, and from which property was taken, were deliberately sent to the wrong destination to try to confuse passengers and

investigators. What appears to be an alleged new wave of thems has surprised police and security experts who believed they had port's "Thiefrow" reputation. Though about three million items of checked baggage pass through Heathrow each week police say they receive only about two complaints day about theft or missing items. Many turn out to have been mislaid.

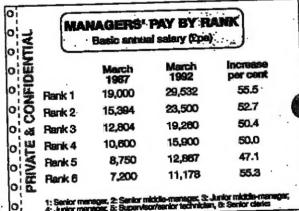
In recent years, checked-in baggage has been placed in sealed containers for delivery to aircraft cargo holds, making it nearly impossible to tamper with. Strict security controls introduced after the Lockerbie bombing helped to raise public awareness of the need to keep a constant watch on luggage but the height-ened security measures also-provided the opportunity for

theft in transfer areas.

Worries that luggage might go missing at airports have led to passengers taking as much hand baggage on air-craft as possible. Airlines are becoming concerned because overhead lockers are not ca-pable of withstanding the force created by large, heavy bags in an emergency. Pres-sure is growing for interna-tional legislation banning cabin bags above a certain size and weight.

Technically passengers are supposed to take one item of hand luggage on board which must not weigh more than 11lb and measure 115 centimetres — height plus length plus width. That is only a recommendation and it is often ignored, especially by business and first class passengers who say they need to get away quickly after a flight rather than wait for

hold luggage to be delivered. The British Luggage Association, which represents 36 manufacturers producing £260 million cases and bags each year, is trying to draw up a set of standards for in-flight bags before legislation is introduced. Meanwhile, manufacturers are producing evermore expandable and attrac-



Managers' rises outstrip inflation

AVERAGE pay rises for man-agers have beaten the rate of inflation in the past year, a survey shows today. The larger increases of the late 80s are rapidly slowing.

however, with companies "more realistic" about the rises that they can afford. according to Reward, the pay research company which carried out the survey.

Salaries of people em-ployed between senior manager and clerical levels rose on average 7.1 per cent over the year from March 1991 against an average rise of 9.6 per cent in the previous year. The present inflation rate is

4.1 per cent. Companies surveyed predicted a further drop in pay settlements this year, with rises for managers falling to an average 5.9 per cent, still almost 2 points above the inflation rate if it stays at today's levels.

The recession seems to have made few dents in salaries in the South-East or in London, where pay was 5 per cent and 17 per cent respectively above last year's national mean of £18,200. Middle-managers in London typically earned £21,069.

compared with £18,948 in the South-East and £16,335 in the West Midlands.

The areas hardest hit, the survey says, are the North-East and South-West, where salaries have fallen to almost 8 per cent below the national

From the consumer heyday of the mid-80s, managerial salaries have risen by more than 50 per cent. The biggest increases over the past five years have been for senior managers and for senior cler-ical staff, including secretaries, sales executives and assistant personnel officers, with rises of 55.5 and 55.3

per cent respectively. That could, however, be as much due to companies making larger redundancies in these areas of their workforce, cutting numbers but leaving those still employed on higher salaries.
The survey was conducted among 1,000 companies with a total workforce of more than one million.

Management Salary Survey March 1992 (The Reward Group, Reward House, Diamond

Giant in disguise hops into view

BY KERRY GILL

PROBABLY the world's largest grasshopper, certainly the biggest to have jumped into Britain, reluctantly paraded itself for the first time

in public yesterday.

In spite of being 10in long, the grasshopper's bright green camouflage made it difficult to spot. So difficult in fact that her owners at Edinburgh's butterfly farm believed that it had escaped, before locat-ing it hiding in foliage.

No one has been able to

identify the grasshopper, which came from the Malayria-Thailand border. John Caivert, manager of Edinburgh Butterfly and Insect World, who first came across the species in the Malaysian rainforest, said: "Relating it to all known records about grasshoppers there is just nothing to compare with it. It can less 15 feet."

The grasshopper's owners hope that it mated before being sent to Scotland and will produce some young.



Law demanded to | Headache protect peat bogs

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

DEMANDS are being made by conservationists that the next government should take urgent action to save Britain's remaining bogs from destruction by peat-mining

companies. Modern technology has seen huge areas of peat bog ripped up, and the Peat Campaign Consortium believes that the bogs could soon be wiped out, along with a wealth of flora and fauna. without effective legislation.

"The activities of the peat

companies have turned parts of the British landscape into a moonscape overnight." David Beliamy, the television naturalist and consortium spokesman, said. "Real protection for peat bogs is dependent on an urgent change of law, or government providing conservation agencies and local authorities with generous additional funds." Companies were given per-

mission to mine peat in the 1940s and 1950s, before the arrival of modern technology or conservationists. Now more a million cubic metres of peat is extracted annually from bogs notified as sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs), because planning

permission to mine overrides conservation legislation.

English Nature has created preservation areas on some sites but often these are surrounded by mined bog. "As the rest of the bog is worked, it dries out and this spreads to the nature reserves," Caroline Steel, of English Nature, said. On Thorne Moors near Doncaster, 4,000 species depend on wet conditions and these are now threatened by dry bogland."

The consortium, composed of leading wildlife organisations, wants the government to end peat extaction on all SSSIs by spring next year and to halt mining on all other bogs of natural importance by March 1994. Dr Bellamy urged gardeners to follow the example of the Prince of Wales and the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew in

buying peat-free compost.

David Trippier, environment minister, said that the outgoing government was committed to the work of English Nature, and authorities should bid for more money to protect that it will call for a moratorium on peat extraction.

rise for working parents

By STAFF REPORTER

JUGGLING the twin demands of job and children is to blame for an increase in tension headaches, although fewer people use them as .a. reason for taking time off work, according to a survey published yesterday.

More women than men suffer from headaches. Men tended to blame their jobs and the pressure of work, but women put more emphasis on coping with raising a family, particularly if they were at

The survey of 168 head-ache sufferers, carried out by Michael Petre Research Partnership for Marion Merrell Dow, manufacturers of painkillers, found that people in all classes had tension head-aches which lasted for hours rather than minutes, as a similar survey in 1977 found. In 1977, 67 per cent of people surveyed said that they would not take time off from work but this figure has risen to 76 per cent. Few people go to the doctor over headache whereas 15 years ago one in



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North Sea helicopter crash

Investigators find no fault on helicopter

BY KERRY GILL

A PRELIMINARY report into the North Sea helicopter crash in which II men died this month has found no mechanical fault that might have caused the accident.

Data from the "black box" recovered from the wreckage had so far shown no "airworthiness abnormality", the Air Accidents Investigation Branch said. The report was published yesterday into the loss of the Super Puma, which was taking oil workers from Shell's Cormorant Alpha platform 100 miles northeast of Shetland to the Safe Supporter "flotel" 200

yards away in a snowstorm. Six of the 17 men on board the Bristow flight survived, although the first was not rescued for 30 minutes. There will now be further investigations to discover why the helicopter ditched, and examination of its performance under the prevailing conditions, of procedures takthe aircraft's structural integrity, survival aids and search and rescue facilities.

The Super Puma took off at 7.48pm on March 14. Within 15 seconds of its climb it started a progressive descent and crashed two minutes later, according to the report.

A distress message was sent from Cormorant Alpha and at least five surface vessels went to the scene. At the time there were frequent moderate or heavy showers of hail or snow, with visibility in places down to 350 yards and cloud at between 500ft and 800ft. Wind speed was at times 58 knots and waves 36ft.

was washed away. Ian Hooker, the co-pilot, died, and Jonathan Shelborne, the pilot, survived with minor injuries. Ten passengers were killed.

George Watson, one survivor, later described clinging to the remains of a liferaft and watching helplessly as a colleague lost his grip and

Until then the Super Pu-mas had logged 300,000 fly-ing hours in the Shell oilfield

without a death. At least 80 people have died in helicopter crashes in the North Sea over the past 25 years. William Gibson, of the

Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union, which has 3,000 members offshore, questioned whether the Super Puma should have been allowed to fly in such bad conditions. The flotel, usually connected to the platform by a bridge, had been moved away because of the storm.

Ronnie McDonald, leader of the Offshore Industry Liaison Committee, another oil workers' union, said: "There is no indication of mechanical failure. We are still convinced the policy of flying in such weather conditions should be reviewed."

Mr McDonald said search

and rescue procedures had been inadequate. "The emergency standby vessel was not at hand, the search and rescue helicopter was not immediately available, and there was a lack of co-ordination."

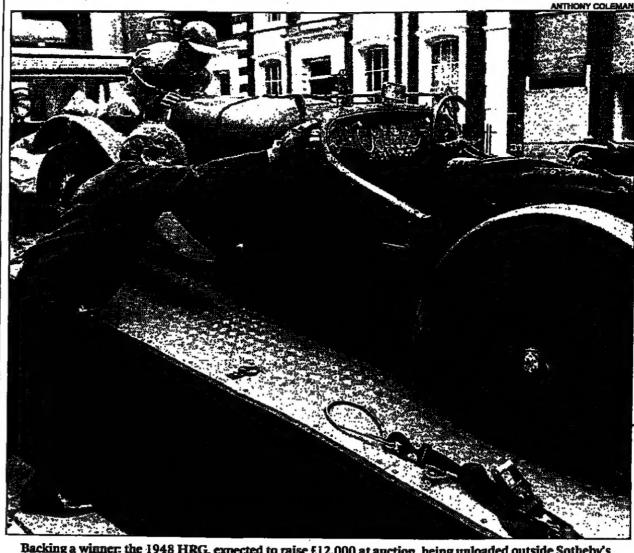
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Backing a winner: the 1948 HRG, expected to raise £12,000 at auction, being unloaded outside Sotheby's

A belated trip for classic car

BY JOHN SHAW

THE decaying hulk of a classic sports car, found full of twigs and leaves near Inverness, is expected to fetch up to £12,000 when it is auctioned next week.

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The 1948 1.5-litre HRG was among four race track veterans on view in Bond Street, central London, yesterday before auction by Sotheby's at RAF Hendon,

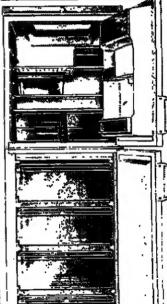
northwest London.
"It looks in a bit of sorry state now but it's in remarkably original condition," Malcolm Barber, head of the firm's car department, said.

About 250 of the HRGs were built and the current Scottish Rally and came first in its class in the 1953 RAC Rally. It was acquired in 1956 but left under a tarpaulin for many years.
The other vehicles on show were a three-litre Le

Mans Bentley, 8, which ran in the 24-hour French Classic in 1926, a 1934 Aston Martin Ulster and a 1955 Sunbeam Alpine works

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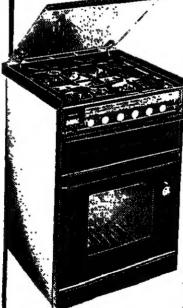
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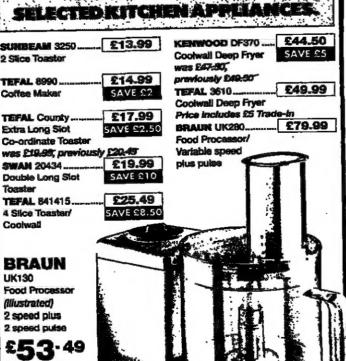
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Police urged to act over racism

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

INCIDENTS of police rac-ism such as the "offensive humour" of the chief constable of Strathclyde cancel out all the attempts by his col-leagues to forge better race relations, the chairman of the Commission for Racial Eq-

uality told an international police conference yesterday. Earlier this week, Leslie Sharp, the chief constable of Strathclyde, was reprimand-ed by his police authority for telling unacceptable jokes at a cricket club dinner. Michael Day, addressing the equal opportunities conference at the Police National College, Bramshill, Hampshire, said it might take one case of police brutality, racist atti-tutes, holding back promo-tion, or offensive humour by a senior police officer "playing on crude racial stereotypes to

cancel out the gains of perse-vering work by forces up and down the country".

He said the "feeling re-mains among young black men in particular that when it comes to stop and search ries, the police pick on them - act on the stereotypes which seemed to shape that chief constable's racist banter". Those incidents gave a

more powerful message to

possible recruits than daz-

zling police literature and displays. The first step must be a clear and comprehensive policy statement accepted by the police authority and the chief constable.

He suggested a programme that would include tailoring job advertisements to encourage recruits from under-represented groups; meet entry requirements; special recruitment unit; and training to help officers from racial groups to achieve promotion to higher ranks.

Fifteen per cent of the population were from ethnic minorities. The police force contained I per cent.



"offensive humour"

Road toll lowest **since 1948**

BY MICHAEL DYNES TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

ROAD deaths have fallen to their lowest level since 1948, despite a sevenfold increase in vehicles on the roads, according to provisional figures published yesterday by the transport department.

The number of people killed in road accidents in 1991 fell to 4,520. That was 13 per cent down on the 5,217 deaths in 1990 and the lowest total since 1948 when 4,513 people died. The number of vehicles on

the roads has risen from 3.7 million in 1948 to 24.7 million in 1990. The decline in road deaths

puts the government on tar-get for reducing casualties by one third by the end of the decade. Excluding the 1948 fatality rate, the 1991 figure represents the lowest num-ber of road deaths since statistics were first collected in 1926.

Departmental figures also showed that there were 51.499 serious injuries last year, 15 per cent down on the previous year, while the num-ber of slight injuries fell to 254,676, an 8 per cent drop. The 4,513 fatalities included 2.018 car users, down 15 per cent; 1,485 pedestrians. down 12 per cent; and 204 child pedestrians, down 11 per cent. The remainder were made up of motorcyclists, cyclists, and those aged over

Student's bomb jest misfires

A student was surrounded by armed police and stripsearched at Manchester airport after joking to a friend that he had a bomb in his

bag. Shaun Clarke, aged 21, a geology student at Sheffield University, was due to fly to Alicante on a study trip. Britannia Airways barred him from the flight and told him to leave the airport.
The airline said: This

might have been a joke to the person concerned, but we took it seriously. He became abusive and was told he would not be on the flight." PC charged

Police Constable Steven

Chuter, aged 27, has been charged with causing death by dangerous driving, after a crash that killed Mandy Willis, aged 36, in Leamington Spa. Warwickshire.

Sams remand Michael Sams, aged 50, of

Sutton on Trent, Nottinghamshire, was further re-manded in custody by Birmingham magistrates, charged with the murder of Julie Dan, the kidnapping of Stephanie Slater, false imprisonment and demanding money with threats.

Sea service

A catamaran capable of carrying up to 450 passengers and 80 cars is to begin a daily service between Belfast and Stranraer on June 1. The scheduled journey time will be an hour and a half.

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All sides deny leaking name

The 48 hours that set election campaign alight

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ROBIN OAKLEY

TORY Central Office first learnt of the case of Jennifer Bennett from a fax sent by the girl's grandfather nine days before the broadcast based on her wait for surgery was

William Waldegrave, the health secretary, said yesterday that the party did not connect the fax with the broadcast until the girl's name was published in the newspapers. He denied that Central Office gave the girl's name to newspapers. The the broadcast went out. We said, 'If you have something you want to say about this matter, you better tell the consultant rang us just before

1 ()) CF racism Jennifer's name hijacked both parties' campaigns

yesterday.
The story began at 4pm on Tuesday when journalists were invited to 4 Millbank. preview of the broadcast.

The film, comparing the treatment of a young girl whose parents could afford a private operation for an ear complaint and one who could

6 They have been shroud-waving in

one way or another for a long time, and case after case that has been examined has not been what it was held out to be in the first instance >

- John Major on Labour's claims bout lack of NHS

Their suffering ... has been intensified by irresponsible, indeed corrupt, behaviour of newspapers. Even though we are not responsible, we are sorry for this?

Roy Hattersley on the Bennett family

This is a wretched distraction from the real issues ?

— Paddy Ashdown row over Labour's party political broadcast

Keep it simple, set your vision out, be yourself, and cancel all election broadcasts ? - Advice to the

prime minister from Harvey Thomas former Conscrvative

publicity chief I fell down a manhole looking for a man ?

— May Teasdale, a hospital patient in a wheelchair, talking

to John Major

FIRST THE BAD NEWS

Unfortunately, we're expecting some pretty

bad weather over the next couple of days.

An incurable case Leading article Foreigners hit...

not, was highly emotive and, journalists felt, effective. The opinion of most was that it would cause a row. Afterwards journalists pressed Jack Cunningham, Labour's campaign chief, for details. He said the film had

been prompted by the case of a young girl who lived in the South-East but was not meant to be a documentary. He and the Labour party refused to give the family's

Journalists travelling with Neil Kinnock had also been shown the broadcast. Julie Hall, his press secretary, revealed Jennifer's Christian name but no more.

Some time during that af-ternoon The Independent had contacted Alan Ardouin, Jennifer's consultant, with details of the case. The newspaper refused yesterday to reveal the source, but David Felton, the deputy home edi-tor, denied that the source had been either political party or the family.

At around 6.15 pm on Tuesday the consultant tele-phoned Central Office. He had been called earlier by The Independent, which had details of the case. He spoke to a junior press officer at Central Office, who suggested that he got in touch with the newspapers. The press officer phoned the Daily Express with the consultant's permis-sion and arranged for the newspaper to speak to him.

At 6.55 pm on Tuesday the proadcast went out on TTV. At between 7pm and 8pm the consultant rang Labour headquarters to complain about the broadcast. Gez-Sagar, Labour's chief press called back. According to Mr Sagar the doctor told him he had been contacted by The independent and the Daily Express to tell him that the girt in the broadcast was one of his patients. They already had the name at that stage. The doctor had checked with his records and confirmed the

details of the case.

The doctor told Mr Sagar that he deplored the broadcast, which was not an accurate representation of the facts of the case, but that before giving his reactions to the newspapers he wanted to hear Labour's side. The doctor was not placated by Labour's explanation and said he would talk to the

papers, Mr Sagar said.

Later that night the Express
appeared with Jennifer's name in the main story. Wednesday was dominated by the broadcast after the

surgeon and Margaret Bennett, Jennifer's mother, complained that it had distorted the circumstances of the case. The surgeon suggested an been behind the delay in the girl's operation.
On Wednesday afternoon

a letter from the consultant to Mr Roberts was released and appeared to support up Labour's charges. The letter, written in February, had said there was insufficient funding for nursing cover, and wait-ing lists had climbed enormously. Labour accused the Conservatives of trying to erect a smokescreen.

Yesterday began with an early morning press confer-ence in Nottingham. Mr Kinnock criticised the leaking of Jennifer Bennett's name to the media. Throughout the day he insisted that "no one connected with the Labour party in any way at all or with the broadcast" had disclosed Jennifer's identity.
"I condemn without reservation whoever gave this little

girl's name to the newspapers," Mr Kinnock said. "We made it clear that the broadcast was a representation of a true story and an all too typical story. None of the very small number of people in-volved in the broadcast who knew Jenny's identity gave any hint of her name or the identity of any of the people directly involved in her case. To provide the newspapers



Clean hands: William Waldegrave, the health secretary, denying claims yesterday that the Tories gave Jennifer's name to newspapers

with Jenny's name was an act either of great irresponsibility or of great cynicism."

When a reporter said that his press secretary. Ms Hall, had disclosed Jennifer's first name, Ms Hall took the unprecedented step of going to the platform. Acknowledging that she had used the word "Jennifer" when briefing journalists after showing a preview of the broadcast on Tuesday, she challenged reporters to say how that infor-mation had led to the full disclosure of Jennifer Ben-

nets identity.
. Other journalists then rounded on Peter Hinchens. a Daily Express reporter. At Labour's London news

conference at 7.45 am yester-day Dr Curningham had said: "It is increasingly obvious that Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, and Tory heart of the passing out of this information.

At 8.15am at the Tory news conference in London, the prime minister accused Labour of consistently "shroud-waving" on the NHS. Kenneth Clarke, the educa-

tion secretary, insisted on Sky News that Central Office had not leaked the identity of the family to the press. "It was the Daily Express that uncovered it. Newspaper reports saying that Central Office told the Daily Express are not true." Sir Nicholas Lloyd, editor

of the Daily Express, said on ITN at 12.30pm: "It is Labour that gave us the facts." He claimed that Jennifer was first named to The Independent by Labour. But Independent home news desk editor John Price said: "That is wholly untrue. We got the information from our own journalistic sources Roy Hattersley, Labour's

deputy leader, told BBC Radio 4's the World at One burden" on her family. Their suffering through their daughter's illness has ponsible, indeed corrupt, behaviour of newspapers. Even though we are not responsible, we are sorry for this."

Tackled on the issue during a visit to Cambridge, Mr Major quoted from an answer given by Mr Patten at a news conference on Wednesday, when he was asked how the girl's name became known so quickly. According to Mr Kinnock, he replied: "I understand that the doctor concerned recognised the case and the information came

from the doctor." At 2pm, Labour's fourth news conference of the day on health, shadow health secretary Robin Cook said Jennifer's father was consulted throughout the making of the film - although it was not meant as a documentary of her specific case - and provided a voice-over which in

nifer's grandfather Peter Lee-Roberts, a lifelong Tory and former mayor of Faversham, ered that Jennifer was being

story had been a follow up

used in a Labour party elec-tion broadcast, he had sent a fax to Central office alerting them to the broadcast, but not in any way identifying his grand-daughter. Jennifer's mother Margaret denied that Mr Lee-Roberts, her father, had leaked the girl's name.

Then came the Waldegrave bombshell. At 4pm he denied emphatically that anybody at Central Office or in his department or his adviser Richard Marsh had revealed the child's name. But he faced a battery of questions as he disclosed that Mr Ardouin had rung Central Office which had "helped the consultant to get in touch with

the newspaper".

Mr Waldegrave said Chris
Patten: the party chairman.
suggested on Wednesday that Mr Ardouin may have first surgeon did not do that."

By 6pm Andreas Whittam-Smith, editor of The Independent, refused to say who disclosed Jennifer's identity to his newspaper. "It was not a political source." Shaun Woodward, the

Tory director of communications, said last night: "We did not leak the name to the newspapers ... The prime minister knew nothing about it. That is a categorical

Sir Nicholas Lloyd said on Sky: "Let me make it categorically clear, nobody in the Tory party told us the name of the girl or the name of the

Robin Cook called for Mr Waldegrave's resignation for "inciting professional mis-conduct".

Roses put Major in the pink

The prime minister spoke of his love of gardening as he rose named Norma Major at a garden centre at Poppleton,

near York.

John Major said he had bought his house at Great Sukeley. Cambridgeshire, mainly for its big garden. He had planted several of the variety last year and joked: "They are going to be pink — you can't get blue ones."

Lamont upbeat

is nearly beaten. Speaking in Harlow, Essex, the Tory marginal, he said the recovery would start "shortly".

Poverty jibe

Britain is in danger of becoming the "poverty pay capital of shadow employment secretary, said in Glasgow. The Tories opposed a national minimum wage and would abolish wages councils.

Wages councils, page 10 Welsh denial

David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, denied suggestions that a E2.5 million package for West Wales was timed to help Nicholas Bennett, his Welsh Office minister, who is defending his Pembroke seat.

Hunt for mole dominates day's proceedings lenged by the Daily Mirror and BBC radio, denied the

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JULIE Hall, Neil Kinnock's press secretary, stepped from behind the scenes to take over

the leader's press conference yesterday. She marched up to the podium in the Albert Hall, Nottingham, to defend herself against charges that she had leaked the name of the girl at the centre of the dispute over the hmadeast. After her unexpected inter-

vention, the conference was turned on its head as reporters ignored the platform and began aggressively interview-

ing each other.
The bizarre events began when Mr Kinnock, attempting to clear the Labour party of any involvement in naming Jennifer Bennett, said: "Firs condemn without reservation whoever gave this little girl's name to the newspapers. None of the very small the broadcast who knew Jen-

ny's identity gave any hint of her name or the identity of any of the people directly involved in the case. To provide the newspapers with Jenny's name was an act of either gross irresponsibility or of

great cynicism." But journalists would not let the matter drop. A reporter from The Sun asked: "Are you aware that on Tuesday afternoon at a Manchester hotel press briefing your press secretary disclosed Jennifer's name, first name, christian name, in an off-the-record briefing with journalists?" Mr Kinnock said: "That

contradicts all of my informa-tion." A chorus of "No, no no" arose from the assembled press. Minutes later he reiterated: "I utterly condemn any-one who has disclosed information to enable the identification of Jenny Bennett or her family." At this point Ms Hall, aged

33, who has been Mr Kinnock's press secretary for two years, astonished those on the platform by stepping forward. Angry and upset by the implication that she had leaked more than the christian name of the child, Ms Hall's said: "If you are saying from the briefing on Tuesday that you journalists were able to reveal the identity of the child and the family it is you who have done that. The adult who did that should come up and admit it now." Ms Hall said she had moved from her job as a reporter for ITN to work for the Labour party because of her belief in the national health service and then told how her father had once paid for private treatment for an eye complaint. "My father could pay. He had the choice. Unfortunately, there are people out there in this coun-

try who can't." Her voice breaking, she added: "Whichever one of you at that briefing on Tuesday can tell me that from the one word Jennifer you would have been able to have that story in the Express, I would like to hear from you now." Journalists swooped on Peter Hitchens of the Daily Express. Mr Hitchens, chal-

from The Independent. which also named the girl, or had come from the Labour party. He said it had not come from the consultant concerned. However he refused to deny seven times that the story had come from the Tory party. Pressed again on whether he had been tipped off by the Conservatives, he said: "I did not get it from the Labour party. Ask the Labour party to whom they supplied the information as it was the only possible source."

The Independent said later that its comments had come from its reporter's own

In politics, real men are called Dave

When Denis Healey arrives in the West Midlands to play the piano in an old folk's home, something must be amiss. When the seat is one which Labour had held by a comfortable 6,000, something is badly amiss. When they send Roy Hattersley, too. there is a real problem. And when party workers are diverted from the ble Tory marginal next door, the problem must be serious

I went in search of the problem yesterday. All over Coventry South East, posters told me where to look. I found the problem in a snowstorm at the Rolls-Royce factory gates, haranguing the workers through a mega-phone, while his supporters rattled collecting tins and plastic buckets. "I play the piano, too," said Dave Nellist. "But I haven't had time to

practise like Healey. Coventry suits Nellist. It is a hardbitten city. There is something raw about the place. "People talk about 'hard' and 'soft' votes," Nellist's agent told me. "Well, our hard vote is hard. Very hard." The agent turned to one of his helpers: "Dave, take this man to the Rolls-Royce factory gates, where

Dave is. When Dave and I got there a journalist from the Socialist called Dave. was interviewing Dave. "Why is every-one on the hard left called Dave?" I **CAMPAIGN SKETCH**

MATTHEW PARRIS

asked. "We were all christened Quentin, but we changed it," was the reply.

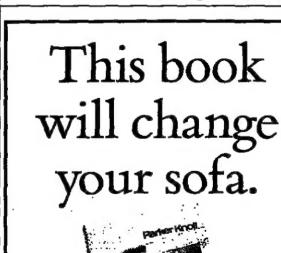
The Dave, Dave Nellist, has been the local Labour MP since 1983 but has recently been expelled from his party, ostensibly for refusing to denounce Militant. Fashions among Labour have changed while he has not. Nellist has been beached by a receding tide: ideological driftwood, but still a log to be reckoned with: no fool and no slouch.

So, standing against an official Lab-our candidate, Nellist styles himself "a Labour independent for a Labour government". He will support Labour whether Labour wants him to or not. He lives in the adjoining constituency whose own Labour MP has been Geoffrey Robinson. "I've put Geoffrey Robinson's posters in my windows but Geoffrey spends his mornings touring my constituency in his chauffeur-driven Jag asking my constituents to take my posters down." And whose posters were in Robinson's window? "Geoffrey lives in a Lutyens mansion in Surrey, mate." It was time for his speech to the workers emerging for their lunchbreak. "Come over and hear Dave Nellist!" shouted an assistant through a tinny megaphone, "a workers' MP on a worker's wage!"

Nellist, who has always refused to draw his full MP's salary, looked worn and tired and unusually strained. He exudes an anger which beats its breast to the heavens rather than intimidates the hearer. There is something of the martyr about him, waiting to be stoned. He treated a small crowd of workers in a biting wind to a litary of the woes of Coven-try. Snowlaked glanced from his face. Nellist looked skyward and began to enlarge on the evils of Toryism. The rank grew, the volume swelled. The snow stopped. A burst of pale sunshine lit his grey face and wispy beard. Later, Nellist was to address work-

ers at the Hare and Squirrel public house, but for now he had finished. The workers began to drift away, and the rain started.

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Study shows Budget has cost the poor £1 a week since 1979

BY ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

AN AVERAGE household has gained £18 a week from changes in Britain's tax and benefit system during the 13 years of Conservative government, but the benefits have been severely skewed towards the better off. According to a report released yesterday by the Institute of Fiscal Studies, the poorest 10 per cent of households have lost an average of £1 weekly as a result of Tory tax and benefits policy, while the top 10 per cent have

gained £87 a week.
The institute's figures seemed certain to be welcomed by the Labour party as moral justification for its proposals to raise the tax burden on the better off.

The study showed that the cost of Labour's shadow Budget to the richest 10 per cent of families would be £35 a week. But institute officials said that its long-term assessment could not be directly compared with the analysis of

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Saturday 25th April - Sky Movies Plus

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budget proposals. The longterm analysis was based on households, rather than families, and was bound to show large gains for most people in work, because its indexation assumptions were based on retail prices, rather than average earnings, which had ris-

The institute study included a detailed analysis of the three main parties' budget proposals, with several politicaly significant findings:

☐ In London, the South-East and the South-West a larger net number of families would gain from the Conservative budget than from Labour's plans. The opposite would be true in the rest of the country.

☐ Families with incomes of up to £400 a week would gain an average of £3 from Labour's proposals. The Liberal Democrats' plans would offer the poorest families much more. Families

three main parties' 1992-3 with less than £49 a week would gain £9 from the Lib Dems, while families on £50 to £99 would gain £5. Under the Tories families below £100 a week would gain only

> Despite the big benefits to the very poor, the Liberal plans would be far less expen-sive to the better off. Families with incomes above £999 would lose E61 a week under the Lib Dems, but £106 under Labour. The Tory budget would cost them El a

☐ The Labour and Liberal budget would both result in average net losses for families with working parents. Under Labour's proposals, more such families would gain than lose, but the losses of the losers would be much higher than the gains of the gainers. Under the Liberal plan more families would lose than gain, but the maximum losses would be much smaller than

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Face to face: Michael Heseltine, the environment minister, campaigning in Oxford with his wife Anne, met his Spittin' Image at an exhibition at the Ashmolean. Museum and confessed he would like to buy it. His wife said she would never have it in the house.

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Monday 20th April - The Movie Channel

Advertising

Labour's style wows America

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

LABOUR'S admen are being sought by political advertiswho have been, in the words of one of them, "wowed" by the party's drama-documen-tary style commercials. "US negative advertising with a British twist," Tom Ed-monds, a Republican polit-

ical consultant, said. Although ready to take full credit for developing television political advertising and for introducing hard-hitting "attack" commercials.
American admen were uncharacteristically humble yesterday and would not accept the suggestion that Labour's broadcast was merely an ex-

port from the US. "I can think of one or two shows using that kind of drama-documentary style that have been used in campaigns here but nothing like Labour's." Mr Edmonds, vicepresident of the American sultants, said. "What Labour has done is to pick up on the re-enactments that are used the whole time in documentaries and programmes like Crimewatch UK. Most people get their information and form their opinions from an-ecdotal information."

Mr Edmonds dismissed Tory claims that Labour's commercial was somehow an under-the-beit broadcast. "I believe as long as the issue is germane it is fair game," he

said.
Other consultants cited a recent commercial produced by Bob Squires, the doven of Democratic admen, for a Senate campaign which showed a farmer crying as i property was repossessed. is all part of moving the ek toral process from the bra to the heart," Ray Stroths who worked on the Ga Hart campaign in 198

Manipulative it might b the consultants here are that television is a technois cal asset to democracy ar commercials can help to ide

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tify important issues. The attack adverts so here during the current ra for the White House ha tended to explore the perso al records of rival candidan Four years ago, the level mud-slinging was especia high. In a startling develo a Republican candidate for state legislative seat in Mi nesota was indicted (charges of breaching th state's campaign practio

may in the future be as ing ential in British adversir circles as the 1964 "Dai: Girl" advert was in develor ing American television car

In the end, party loyalties won with 22 of those on the right of centre voting Conservative and 16 socialist delegates supporting Lab-our. François Pauli, a French socialist, enthused about Neil Kinnock, calling him charismatic and cooler than Mr Major. Eastern Europeans tended to vote Liberal Democrat, perhaps

party. Indulis Berzins said that it had been an election dominated by the media -

Alison Roberts discovers what European MPs think of Britain's

election he had been following it himself in the Baltics on satellite television. As lead er of the Latvian right of centre majority faction his vote went to John Major. "I think in Latvia it is very necessary to have policies that are a little bit like the Conservative policies, " he said as socialist eyebroga rose around the room.

One German Bundestag the result is not valid with this way of voting." The first past the post system was widely condemned and the best method of proportional representation debated in true European style with no one agreeing and everyone talking.

But the final result pleased most. A hung par-liament was nothing to be afraid of, a Russian delegate said. Unfortunately the Italians, masters at solving the problems of pol-itical alliances, had with-drawn their delegation as the last moment. They face a real election next week and were making their own

Lyndon Johnson campaig and aimed at underminir Barry Goldwater, the adve showed a little girl pluckin the petals from a daisy, coun ing inaccurately. The frant freezes. A male voice starts different kind of countdown

paigning. Produced for the The camera zooms in on th girl's eyes. An atomic mus room cloud erupts and John son intones: "We must in together, or we must die . The stakes are too high fi you to stay at home."

Hung parliament is European view

AFTER a week of bemused British election watching, 100 MPs from all over Europe yesterday gave their verdict in a mock poll and voted for that most European of results - a hung

parnament.
They had sat through the election broadcasts, witnessed the furore, puzzled over the newspapers writ-ing about the broadcasts and spent a day talking to voters on the doorstep, usually about the broadcasts. Most were amazed at the fuss caused by ten minutes of television and the power of that medium.

For a group of young en-thusiastic politicians, the 46 per cent turnout was distressingly low when voting took place between seminars at the Future of Europe conference in

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N November 30th, 1991, soldiers entered the village of Imamuddin Para, in Burma's Arakan province.

They burst open the door of the village grocery store, seized the shopkeeper, Imam Hussain, and marched him outside.

Placing a heavy box of ammunition on his should ers, they informed him that he was now a porter for the Burmese Army.

The weight was crushing. After a few miles Hussain protested that he did not have the strength to carry it any

The soldiers responded by giving him a savage beating.

Then they took him and nailed him to a tree with his arms outstretched.

They cut off his penis and put it into his mouth. They severed his nose and ripped off his eyebrows.

At last, a soldier thrust a bayonet into his chest and, mercifully, Imam Hussain

"My sister's little heart could take no more."

Hussain's wife, Zohra Begum, was at home seven miles away when news of the tragedy reached her.

She ran all the way to the spot and found her husband's mutilated body still nailed to the tree.

In a daze of horror and grief - hardly knowing what she was doing - Zohra start ed back for help.

She had almost reached home when an evil chance brought her face to face with the soldiers who had killed her husband.

They showed their pity for the sobbing woman by gang raping her.

A week later, the same soldiers took Zohra and her twelveyear-old sister to the Lawadong army camp, where they were locked in a room with about forty other female captives.

Soldiers would enter the room, choose a woman, and repeatedly rape her in front of all the others.

Zohra said, "After five days my sister's little heart could take it no more. She went into convulsions and died. When the soldiers saw that I, too, could take no more, they freed me."

Zohra's story is not even unusual.

We'd probably never have heard Zohra's story had she not managed to escape to a refugee camp in Bangladesh, where she met Jon Swain of the Sunday Times. The savagery of what happened to her

The soldiers who crucified her husband and raped her 12-year-old sister to death will do it again. And again And again. And there's nothing we can do to stop them. Amnesty International has never and her family might tempt you to killing them when they became too

think that it's an extreme case - the work of madmen - but it isn't.

Zohra's was by no means the only horrible story in the Sunday Times article.

And over the last few weeks many more atrocities have been reported in the newspapers.

None of this is even new.

Amnesty reports published in November 1990 and January 1992 gave the world details of what was happening in Burma - or Myanmar, as it is now called by its military rulers.

We reveat I that the Burmese army was conscripting villagers to serve as porters, sometimes

weak or too ill to carry their loads.

We told how village women are living in fear of gang-rape.

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Tories' record gets stuck as voters refuse to dance to their favourite tunes



Baker: ready to unleash the law and order issue

If the Tories lose the election, it may be as much because voters no longer care about their past successes as because of their recent failures. The old tunes are just not winning the response from voters

that they used to do. The theme of yesterday's Conservative press conference was, for example, Labour and the unions. John Major and fellow ministers, notably a punchy Kenneth Clarke. raised a number of pertinent questions about possible changes to trade union law if Labour wins.

But I doubt if playing the union card will have much electoral impact this time. It is not just that Labour has kept the unions, and their leaders, out of sight in the current campaign and that Tony Blair has been agile in offering reassurances that there will be no return to the union laws of the 1970s. It is mainly because voters no longer believe that the unions are a serious problem, even though dislike of them is still cited as a reason for not voting Labour.

RIDDELL ON THE ELECTION

Michael Howard talked yesterday about Saltley and Grunwick, but a third of the electorate is too young to remember those violent clashes.

Trade unions, which in the 1970s were one of the main influences on voting decisions, do not now feature on lists of the most important issues, according to recent Mori surveys. Frustrating though it must be for the Tories, that is their reward for reducing the number of strikes and for defeating Scargillism.

Similarly, on Tuesday, the Tories tried to highlight foreign affairs. It was probably the party's most successful press conference. since Mr Major and Douglas Hurd have a strong story to tell. Voters have good grounds for believing that Britain's standing in the world is safe in their hands. But, again, I doubt if the elector-

bottom of the list. The importance, or salience, to voters of defence, previously a strong issue for the Tories, has declined considerably since the 1980s. he Tory advantage, while still

barely registers among the most

important issues for voters, and

even Europe is down towards the

Liarger than on any other question, is less in some surveys than in either the 1983 or 1987 elections. The end of the Cold War means that current threats to peace are less immediate, while Labour has moved into the mainstream on Europe and defence. There are still differences between the parties on these matters, but it is no longer plausible for the Tories to mount a poster campaign, as they did effectively in 1987, showing a soldier with his hands up to repre-

sent Labour defence policy. The Tories' problem is that they are strongest on the issues which the voters now care about much

are is listening. Foreign policy less than before, and weakest on those which voters care about most, such as health, education

and unemployment. The latest row about Labour's election broadcast is a mixed blessing for the Tories. The dispute over the facts of the case on which the broadcast was based has provided them with ammunition to challenge the credibility and integrity of Neil Kinnock and has forced the Labour leadership to justify itself. But the affair has also drawn attention to health, by far the most important issue for voters, and Labour yesterday was providing many other examples of children who had to wait a long time for operations. It is too early yet to assess how far voters see the episode as damaging Labour's trustworthiness and how far it reminds them of their own and friends' worries about hospital

Of the eight most important issues in deciding votes. Labour is now ahe::d on all but three. Even ahead - managing the economy, law and order and taxation their lead has shrunk. Indeed, the lead on taxation has declined since the beginning of the campaign.

About the only strong card which the Tories have not played so far is law and order, but doubt if we will have to wait long for Kenneth Baker to be unleashed. And more, much more, is promised on taxation.

The Tories can fairly point out that, at the last general election, they were also behind Labour on three of the key issues - educa-tion, health and unemployment but still won by a big majority. As Ivor Crewe has argued, the answer may be that voters decide primarily on the basis of which party will most advance their personal prosperity. In 1987, that was clearly the Tories. Now the position is less clear-cut.

The government is being blamed for the recession, especial-

in those areas where the Tories are . In the South who least expected to become unemployed. But the living standards of many in work have continued to rise steadily and have recently been boosted by a drop in mortgage rates. Hence it makes sense for the Tories to return to the taxation issue as a means of alleging that Labour policies would not only directly reduce take-home pay but would force up interest rates and

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weaken the housing market. The Tories really have no choice but to follow this strategy. The positive points of their record on foreign policy and the unions are not the main priorities of voters. There is a limited extent to which any party can shift the focus during a short campaign. So far they have concentrated mainly on attacking Labour policies rather than explaining what a Tory fourth term would be like. The election will be decided by how far these warnings strike home.

Peter Riddell

Trade unions

Ministers raise ghost of flying pickets

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Transport and General Workers' Union gave more money to Labour's campaign in 1987 than the total amount raised by the Conservatives from British industry. Chris Patten, the Conservative party chairman, said

As the Tories sought to switch the agenda away from health, Mr Patten joined John Major, Michael Howard, the employment secretary, and Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, in insisting that, as Mr Clarke put it, "a Labour government would be a government of the unions, by the unions and for the unions". Mr Clarke said that the unions controlled 90 per cent of the votes at Labour's party conference and sponsored more than half of Labour's MPs. They dominated decision-making, affecting the choice of candi-

dates and policy.

Mr Clarke said that Labour was not independent, but was the political wing of the union keeps Labour afloat. Union facilities keep the Labour campaign going. Union control ensures Labour dances to

the unions' tunes," he said. Mr Major said at the Conservative press conference yesterday that the record level of industrial peace achieved last year was under threat. "Strife and disruption used to dominate our national life. Flying pickets, wildcat strikes, power cuts, intimidation, confrontation, lost orders, cancelled deliveries and roaring inflation: those were the features of a country out of the control of its Labour government and under the

control of its unions. The threat, I am afraid, is still there. Union militants are hoping desperately for a Labour government. Then organised disruption would

be back. Labour are already committed to undo some of our key reforms. Secondary pickets would be back on our streets," he said. "The truth is the unions still have a stranglehold on the Labour party."

Mr Howard quoted Neil

Kinnock as saying that sec-ondary picketing under Lab-our would again become "a right to be enjoyed". He said: "Miners would again be able, quite lawfully, to picket a coke depot like Saltley. The latterday heirs to Shirley Williams would again be able, quite lawfully, to picket firms like Grunwick and long drivers would still be able, quite lawfully, to picket the ports in support of their pay claims. "The clock would be turned

back to the winter of discontent and the chaos of those years, would return to cause catastrophe," he said. "The Labour party has clearly told the union leaders to shut up during the campaign. A Kinnock government would have to pay up the day it was

Mr Major and Mr Howard both signalled the likely end to wages councils during the next Conservative government. Mr Major said: "I don't believe they have a longterm future", but refused invitations to confirm that they would be scrapped.

☐ The Confederation of British Industry attacked Labour's tax and manufacturing plans yesterday while pub-lishing what it called the facts about business performance under the Conservatives.

The confederation said that Labour's higher-rate tax plans would damage confidence. It said that manufacturing exports were at an alltime high, 500,000 more people were employed than in 1979, and investment in skills and innovation was



Eigg box Katie Ann MacKinnon, the presiding officer on the Hebridean island of Eigg, holding the ballot box delivered to her house by helicopter yesterday

Pay regulators' days look numbered

WAGES councils have lived a charmed life under the Conservatives. The 26 councils, which set the wages of 2.34 million workers, have been the butt of criticism by every employment secretary since James Prior.

They are loathed by employe partment officials, who have no wish these days to practise bureaucratic intervention in pay determination. They have been castigated as job-destroyers by small employers led by the Institute of Directors. Yet they have survived.

The prime minister's statement yesterday that "there isn't a long-term future for the wages councils" appears to confirm that abolition will not be long delayed. Tony Blair, the shadow employment secretary, said in Glasgow: "Having created two and a half million unemployed, the Tories now want to

create two and a half million low paid." The wages councils have their origins in the 1909 Trade Boards Act, which set wages in four trades where pay was exceptionally low. "It is a serious national evil that any class of His Majesty's subjects should receive less than a living wage in return for their utmost exertions," Winston Churchill, the minister responsible for introducing the act, said.

In 1982, Norman Tebbit, Prior's suc-

cessor, abolished a similar feature of

Wages councils are unlikely to survive after the general election, David Lipsey writes

more interventionist days. He repealed the 1946 Fair Wages Resolution, which wrote into government contracts a requirement that employers pay fair wages. Mr Tebbit hinted in the Commons that wages councils would go next.

In 1984, Tom King, Tebbit's successor, collected views on the future of councils. Proponents of abolition included the Institute for Directors. The Confederation of British Industry argued, however, that they should continue, with reduced scope. In 1985, Mr King published a consultation document. One option put forward was abolition, because "the wages council system is a serious source of inflexibility in the labour market, damaging job prospects". The consultation document floated an alternative reform. Employers said that "industrial relations have generally been good in wages council industries". In July 1985 Mr King opted for reform, removing 500,000 workers aged under 21 from wages council protection.
The UK would also take a derogation

from the International Labour Organisation convention 26 which requires states to maintain wage fixing machin-

In 1988, the government invited views on the proposal that the wages 1989, authoritative press reports said that Norman Fowler, then employment secretary, was determined to legislate. At the end of the year, equally authoritative reports said that he had decided not to.

In March 1990, Michael Howard, who succeeded Mr Fowler, told the Commons that he had "decided not to proceed with the abolition of the councils at present". In June 1991, he told MPs that the councils "do not have a permanent place" in wage setting. That phrase was incorporated in Howard's February

1992 white paper on employment law.
What explains this labyrinthine tale? Observers cite the division among employers as to the desirability of abolition, conflict of evidence as to whether the councils cost jobs and opposition from "wet" Tories. The Tories may now have lost their opportunity to abolish wages councils. If Labour wins, its proposed minimum wage, of 30p an hour higher than the most generous wage set by any wages council, would appear to make the councils redundant.

Environment

Lib Dems link poor health to pollution

the only party to make the environment an important election issue, Paddy Ashdown said yesterday at the launch of the party's green" policy document. He said that at the heart of

the party's programme was the creation of a healthier Britain through measures to clean up the armosphere. "Air pollution is a major cause of respiratory illness such as asthma and bronchitis," he added. "A quarter of Britain's people are suffering from respiratory illnesses. Air pollu-tion also contributes to heart disease and various types of cancer." Water pollution was a further cause of illness, with levels of lead, pesticides and sewage exceeding safety limits in water drunk by millions

of people. The Liberal Democrats Support a European Com-

munity energy tax.

I Invest in rail and public transport to encourage passengers away from cars.

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Grade vehicle excise duty

according to a car's energy I Increase public informa-

tion on air pollution. Mr Ashdown said: "A health policy which seeks to cure the sick, but not to stop

them becoming ill in the first place is at best half a policy. Only the Liberal Democrats offer a twin-track policy for health: prevention and cure."

Simon Hughes, the party's environment spokesman, said a survey of the parties' policies by a former director of Friends of the Earth had



Hughes: accused two parties of not acting praised the Liberal Democrats as by far the "greenest"

Although the Conservatives were good at talking green, he said, the latest figures re-vealed a much greyer picture. For Labour, the environment was simply a "bolt-on extra" as an attempt to attract the green vote, he added, and Neil Kinnock had not made one speech on the subject as

leader of the Labour party.

MEDIAWATCH by Brian MacArthur

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Leaders muzzle democracy

As some of Britain's most experienced political reporters tried to report the election this week they were increasingly frustrated by the way the main party lead-ers are stiffing democratic debate by performing for television instead of answering difficult questions.

Television, declared Peter Jenkins in The Independent, was a medium that had the potential to extend the democratic process but stood in danger of subverting it. Joe Haines, the former Downing Street press secretary, said in the Daily Mirror that snappy one-liners instead of argu ments were now offered by politicians; superficiality was all that could be crammed

into 20 seconds of television. But the hard news for British journalism this week is that a few political reporters have managed to upset all the stage-managed press conferences and succeeded in disconcerting both John Major and Neil Kinnock. The first to do so was Anthony Bevins, political editor of The Independent, who says he has never known so many press conferences where journalists were "nailed down, stitched-up, crucified and silenced". In his view,

it's "stick your hand up, state

your name and number and

no supplementaries. It's a method of control I detest." Bevins is not regarded by the Tories as one of them and often gets ignored. He was noticed on Monday, howev-

er, and asked the prime minister if he would pledge that taxes would be cut. question was deflected, but when John Cole, the BBC political editor, was called, he put the same question. That was when Mr Major began to stumble, especially when Robin Oakley, political editor of The Times, also

nagged away at the issue. On this occasion, Bevins managed to get in a supplementary. Mr Major's discomfort, asked a question for which he had not been

briefed, was clear. On Wednesday it was Mr Kinnock's turn to be ambushed. His tormentor was Peter Hitchens, of the Daily Express, who gets the same treatment at a Kinnock press conference as Bevins gets from the Tories. He was re-peatedly ignored at the official press conference, but afterwards spotted Mr Kinnock unprotected by aides, and managed to put a direct question, asking why he used the "Big Lie" in Labour's

election broadcast. It was the

"Big Truth". Mr Kinnock riposted, as his minders moved in. Hitchens reported yesterday that his unortho-dox technique of simply ask-ing questions was so surprising that he was quickly interviewed for stories by fellow reporters.
All three leaders, afraid of

making gaffes, have erected fortresses against questioning journalists. They are using dangerous tacties that suggest either that they are afraid of questions from a bemused electorate or intellectually unworthy of office. The supreme weeks of democracy are surely worthy of more than artificial soundbites and picture snacks.

As Hugo Young said in The Guardian, the people do speak in this elec-tion — but only as persons aggregated into faceless. nameless statistics in polls or as extras at walkabouts. They are "a multitude in a wasteland" made to deceive the cameras, passive receivers, no longer active participants in a dialogue nobody con-trols. These are the politics of permanent condescen-

sion," he said. That is a chilling thought that ought to worry the politicians who try so hard to

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The power-dressers who keep parties' shows on the road

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON AND ANDREW PIERCE

JULIE Hall's role in the dispute over who leaked what about the now infamous Labour health broadcast has thrown the spotlight on a new breed of power-dressed political women on the campaign

Every party now seems to regard a posse of attractive and persuasive women as an essential campaign accessory. Ms Hall became the most visible of the breed yesterday when the news manager be-

These women are the party minders and press officers who have the unenviable task of stopping their charges making embarrassing public gaffes, keeping the press corps sweet and ensuring that their leaders arrive where they are meant to be at the right time. They have been working up to 18 hours a day

Computer predicts a Labour majority

FOLLOWERS of the Bristol University computer predic-tion of the election result are in for a disappointment. Whereas in the past they have reaped vast sums gambling on its unlikely but accurate forecasts, this time it is tip-

ping the favourites. Gordon Reece, the brain behind the model that has correctly forecast the result of the past three elections on the opening day of the campaign, said: "I'm advising everyone not to waste their money."

The prediction made by Mr Reece and colleagues in the engineering mathematics depariment gives the result as a Labour lead by 20 seats, with 312 seats as against 292 for the Conservatives, 20 to the Liberal Democrats and ten to nationalists, prompting another election in the au-tumn where Labour will se-

cure a majority.
"Once the unthinkable happens and Neil Kinnock has become the prime minister and the electorate realises that it makes very little difference and he is not as awful as people have been saying, the electorate will drift towards him." Mr Reece said.

The computer shows Labour doing better in the South than in the North and Scotland. Indeed, in Scotland the Conservatives are likely to do better than expected, benefiting from the split vote between Labour and the nationalists. The calculations are made at the start of the campaign, since, according to Mr Reece, the following three weeks have no bearing

on the result. A big blow to Conservative morale is predicted with the loss of the party chairman Chris Patten's seat in Bath. "It will be the biggest upset since George Brown lost Belper in 1970 and similar since it will be psychologically disastrous for the party to lose its chairman," Mr Reece said. "It destroys any credibility they would have in saying they could govern."

unheralded and unnoticed until Ms Hall's starring

Ms Hall, aged 33, succeed-ed Patricia Hewitt as Neil Kinnock's press secretary in 1989. With a degree in industrial relations from Warwick, she arrived in the Labour leader's office via political and trade union programmes at Channel 4, ITN and Granada. Her role includes er's press briefings, clucking around him protectively like a

mother hen.
It is Ms Hall who "interprets" the finer points of policy after a Kinnock interview or speech and provides background briefings in which she speaks with the authority of the leader himself. If Labour wins the election, her pres-ence in Downing Street would establish a powerful link between the prime minister's office and Buckingham Palace. Her fiance, Colin Byrne, a former Labour press officer, now works for the Prince of Wales. Their wedding is expected to take place

Her deputy is Hilary Coff-man, aged 43, who was first brought in by Michael Foot and has been with Mr Kin-nock since he became leader. Much liked by journalists, many felt she had been hard done by when she did not not done by when she did not get the top job after doing it on a temporary basis for several months before Ms Hall was

appointed.

Ms Coffman insists that she did not want the job. She prefers the day-to-day contact with journalists, whose company she genuinely seems to enjoy, rather than the more strategic role which Ms Hall's job entails. She has two teenage children by a former marriage but now enjoys a happy relationship with David Hill, head of campaigns and communications at Walworth Road.

At least one broadsheet ournalist wrote a sketch during the last election claiming to have fallen in love with Ms Coffman. She enjoys the ability, surprisingly rare among political press officers, to persuade journalists that she is

For the duration of the elec-tion campaign, these two women have been joined on the road by Lesley Smith. aged 31, a Walworth Road press officer. Part of her job is to keep the accompanying press party entertained and to ensure that in between the photo-opportunities, suitable eating and drinking opportunities are not overlooked.

Mr Kinnock's two other female minders are Jan Royall, a charming but intensely private woman with a young family who handles much of his constituency business, and Sue Nye. A bespectacled blonde whose party trick after receptions in the shadow cabinet room used to be to perform acrobatic somersaults, many Labour MPs say that Ms Nye is the most powerful

cog in the Kinnock office.

She controls the diary and even senior Labour MPs must go to her if they wish to get a private audience with their leader. She is married to Gavyn Davies, the Goldman Sachs economist. Mr Kinnock seldom goes anywhere on official business without one of these two women smoothing his path and arranging the introductions and handshakes.

For the Tories, Vanessa Ford has attracted the most attention. She has been given the task of accompanying Norma Major around the country throughout the cam-paign. Miss Ford, a graduate in social sciences from Nottingham University, is one of the few people in the Tory campaign team to have election experience, having managed the press office at Smith

aged the press times at Smith Square last time. Wherever Chris Patten goes, Angle Bray, his personal press officer goes with him. They begin their day in London at the morning press conference before flying to Bath. She takes her fax, mobile telephone and portable telephone and portable telephone that she can stay television so that she can stay in close contact with Conservative Central Office, the Major team and journalists throughout the day. One of the last remaining Thatcherites, Miss Bray, aged 38, is an experienced hand among a young central office team and previously worked for LBC and Channel 4's Diverse

When Margaret Thatcher resigned, Miss Bray took a calculated gamble by quitting her job at central office to help with John Major's election campaign. The move paid off and she survived the transition easily when others did not

did not. Sidonie Myers, aged 24, is the all important Girl Friday at the Conservative party ral-lles. Known as Sid, she is personal assistant to Russ Pipe, the party's head of pre-sentation who took over from Harvey Thomas when Mrs Thatcher resigned. She came to central office with Mr Pipe from ITN and ensures that everything is in its proper place before the rallies start. One of her most important tasks on the campaign trail is applying the make-up to both John and Norma Major be-

fore they take their seats on the party platforms. Olly Grender, aged 29, the Liberal Democrats' chief press officer, is probably the most powerful woman in the party. Not only is she is running the ten-strong press of-fice team in the party's Cow-ley Street headquarters from 6.30am to 11pm, she is the strategy team chaired by Pad-dy Ashdown. Ms Grender is universally popular with re-porters, for she neither bullies nor cajoles, but relies on gentle but persistent powers of masion to get her way. It was Ms Grender who was given much of the credit for the way in which Mr Ashdown was able to emerge relatively unscathed from the revelations of his mara-mari-

Her deputy is Sarah Harris, aged 25, the party's broadcasting officer. She has the task of placing the party's 22 MPs, who come from all four corners of the country, into television studios for current affairs programmes. She is also responsible for ensur-ing that the third party gets equal billing with Labour and

the Tories. Carolyn Culey, aged 30, is also on the campaign trail for the Liberal Democrats. Her ment will be replaced. training in the whip's office makes her ideally suited to keep the reporters on Mr deal, Mr Paisley seems happy Ashdown's tour in their place. to consider one although he





Supporting roles: Sidonie Myers, the make-up artist, with Norma Major, top; Lesley Smith, left, who has joined the campaign trail for Labour; and Vanessa Ford, who accompanies the prime minister's wife

Northern Ireland

Paisley prepared for post-election deal

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

IAN Paisley, the Democratic Unionist party leader, made clear yesterday his terms for supporting a minority government. He wants a future government to admit that security policies have failed and to implement a new antiterrorist strategy. He also wants an official declaration that the Anglo-Irish agree-

Unlike James Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist party leader, who has ruled out a said that he and Mr Molyneaux would work together in any negotiations. "I'm standing at this election to go to Westminster and so are my colleagues." Mr Paisley said at the launch of his party's manifesto in Belfast. "When we're there, we're entitled to

make any deals we want." The manifesto, Time To Tackle Terrorism, features a picture of a minibus in which eight Protestant workers were killed by an IRA landmine attack in January. The manifesto calls for new security

measures, most of which have been rejected by the prime minister. They include the effective sealing of the border, the creation of a "ring of steel" around republican areas and the implementa-

tion of curiews. Mr Paisley said that further inter-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland would be doomed if the Irish government and John Hume, the SDLP leader, continued to insist that the union should be an issue for negotiation. The DUP had three seats in

the last parliament. North Antrim (lan Paisley), Mid-Ulster (Rev William McCrea) and East Belfast (Peter Robinson). All look safe although the party's share of the vote fell from 20 per cent in 1983 to 11.7 per cent in 1987.

Scotland

Brittan rules out automatic entry to EC

By Kerry Gill

SIR Leon Brittan, who is seen by many observers as the most powerful man on the European Commission after its president, Jacques Delors, said yesterday that the Scottish National party was playing with fire by claiming that an independent Scotland would be automatically accepted by the European Community.

There is no precedent or reliable legal basis for arguing that an independent Scotland would automatically become a member of the European Community," he said, in Edinburgh.
"Indeed, there is every rea-

son for believing that an inde-

pendent Scotland would face a long, difficult, costly and unpredictable regotiation with the Community and its member states," Sir Leon, a former Tory cabinet minister, said. The SNP's arguments were dangerous and irres-ponsible and the reliance on the slogan "Scotland in Europe" could be a delusion. Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary and for-mer Scottish secretary, accused the nationalists of using Europe as a "figleaf" to

protect themselves from the charge of being separatists who would leave Scotland iso-lated from the outside world and damage its interests. The basis of the SNP's case for independence in Europe could be demolished by a schoolboy aged 14.

The nationalists were mori-vated more by dislike of Eng-land than by love of Scotland and were no more believers in the European ideal than they were in the days when the party campaigned against the Community. "If Scotland, as one of only four countries in the United Kingdom, is slighted and neglected, why would it fare better in a Community where it would be one out of 13 or 17 or 20? If people out of 55 million, is impotent, why would Scot-land with five million out of more than 300 million fare better?" he said.

Jim Sillars, the SNP's deputy leader, said that the vehemence of the Tories' attack proved they were badly scared by the nationalists' continuing advance. Meanwhile, the SNP pledged a ten per cent rise in benefits. It said armed forces and Civil Service pensions would be pai by an independent Scottish government. Mr Sillars said his party's first task would be to wipe out the poverty suf-fered under 13 years of poli-cies decided in England, but

opposed in Scotland.

For pensioners, the increases in 1992-3 will be £6.35 for a single person, on top of the proposed rates, and £10.10 for a couple, bringing their pensions to £60.50 and £96.80." Similar increases would be paid in each of the following three years. "The first Scottish government will have a duty to put right the wrongs done to poorer people." The party's attack on poverty was fully-costed.

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Thatcher puts the church right

The Gospel according to Margaret Thatcher was delivered to an adoring congregation in a Methodist chapel in the City of London yester-day. But because the press, who had been invited by the Methodist Church, were barred at the last trump from entry, we can only report the

strictly unauthorised version.

The order of service listed Mrs Thatcher as in "conversation" with the Rev Paul Hume. Some members of the congregation muttered darkly as they left that what emerged was a monologue, but this was unfair. Her delivery, rounded off at either end by a rousing hymn, was more akin to a sermon, with occasional interjections from the tactful minister when Mrs

Thatcher paused for breath.

Mrs Thatcher appeared to enjoy immensely the return to her religious roots. As worshippers were told by Mr Hume, superintendent of Wes-ley's Chapel in the City Road, she was married at the chapel, her children were christened there and her father

was a Methodist lay preacher. The event, Mr Hume insisted, was stricly non-political. He silenced the only heckler by asking the organist to strike up and Mrs Thatcher, dressed in deep, regal, blue, smiled calmly as the offender, was escorted quietly

from the church. Security at the chapel was strict. Anyone with a camera was picked out Ruth Gledhill gives the unauthorised version of yesterday's monologue to the Methodists

by specially installed electronic detec-tion equipment, although several notebook-carrying journalists gained entry disguised as worshippers. The poise and passion of Mrs

Thatcher as she spoke impressed Methodists of all political persuasion. The fundamental importance in her life of religious values and beliefs was in striking contrast to the tone of the present election campaign. In the manifestos of the three main parties, religion is mentioned only in passing.

Mrs Thatcher said her strict Methodist upbringing was very influential indeed. She was brought up "to hon-our all of the fundamental beliefs of the Christian church". She referred often to the Old and New Testaments. "I think the most important thing of all is that I have had the chance to be taught the fundamental values, the fundamental responsibilities, and really to understand where they come from." Such values underpinned the

principles of democracy, she said.

She described a typical Sunday at her childhood home in Grantham.
Lincolnshire, which included Sunday

school and church in the morning and homework in the evening, and the aroma of her mother's baking. At the age of 12, she was playing the

piano for Sunday school hymns. She said: "We were low church." The aver-age service was as follows: "Hymn,

prayer, hymn, lesson, hymn, notices, hymn, sermon, hymn.

When Mr Hume suggested that the sermon was the climax, she gave him her sweetest smile and contradicted him. She used to time the minister, and heaven preserve him if he went over 15 minutes. But she did concede: "I must say as we got older, the sermon became the climax." While she valued her religious upbringing. she thought at times it was a little too much. "I think I was the only person at school who went to church quite so often. I think it would have been a little bit better to have a little bit less."

esterday's hunchtime event, one I of a series with people in business, public and church life, may not have been political, but her responses were politic. Asked if she now considered herself Methodist or Church of England, she said: "I was brought up to believe that John Wesley [the founder of Methodism] lived and died

as a Church of England believer." She considered one of her great achievements as prime minister was her partnership with Ronald Reagan in helping to combat communism.

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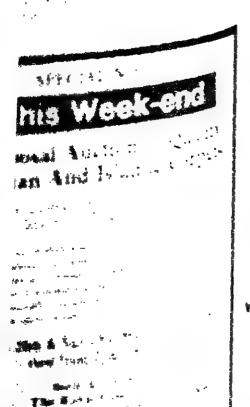
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Bonn cuts off arms flow to Turkey over **Kurd** conflict

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

pean Community's council of

ministers, to protest to Anka-

ra about the military attacks

on civilians. He also intends

to raise the matter at the

Conference on Security and

Co-operation in Europe. Yes-

terday the Turkish embassy

here denied that German

weapons had been used in

The arms embargo is the

second imposed by Germany on Turkey because of attacks

on Kurds. Last year the Bun-

destag suspended DM 25

million in military aid after

Turkish aircraft were reported to have bombed Kurdish

positions in northern Iraq. Germany has been one of

Turkey's main arms suppliers

since the mid-1960s, deliver-

ing DM 5.5 billion worth of

weaponry. The present em-bargo will halt deliveries of 45

F4 Phantom jets being refit-ted for unarmed surveillance.

Leopard 1 battle tanks, and

Turkey signed an agree-ment with the United States

yesterday for the local pro-duction of 40 more F16 Fighting Faicon jets for the

Turkish air force. The Flos

will be jointly manufactured in Ankara by Turkish Aero-

space Industries and US General Dynamics. Turkey has accused Ger-many of helping to fund the separatist Kurdish Workers

party, which is the centre of Kurdish resistance to Turkish rule. Bonn has denied this,

although it is likely that much of the party's funds come from the 400,000 Kurds liv-

Police believe that Kurds

have been involved in raids

in Hamburg, Dortmund,

Munich, Hanover and Stutt-

gart in the past few days. There was a heavy police presence in Bonn yesterday when about 100 Kurds pro-

tested outside party offices. Rudolf Seiters, the German

interior minister, said: "The

government will not allow

conflicts from the home coun-tries of foreign citizens to be

The German decision to

impose the embargo was tak-

en somewhat reluctantly,

because Bonn has been trying

to improve relations with An-

kara in order to influence the

Turkish government to treat

the Kurds better. In each of

the last two years about 25,000 Kurds have sought

fought out in Germany".

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other heavy equipment.

attacks on the Kurds.

GERMANY yesterday stopped all arms deliveries to GERMANY Turkey until it investigates reports that German weapons are being used against the Kurds. The embargo was introduced after television news showed German-built armoured cars in action against Kurdish civilians.

Armoured cars of this kind were delivered to Turkey as part of a DM 1.5 billion (£500 million) package agreed during the Gulf war. They, with 250,000 Kalashnikovs and ammunition from the former East German army, were to protect Turkey from any attack by Iraq. The agreement specified that they

were not to be used internally.

On Wednesday, the foreign ministry called in Numan Hazar, the senior Turkish diplomat in Bonn, to find out if the agreement had been broken. In Weimar, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the for-eign minister, said: "We are particularly shaken by pictures of the weapons being used against the civilian population." Herr Genscher has been asked by Portugal, the current president of the Euro-

Work .

Fortensky driving case put off again

THE TRIAL of actress Elizabeth Taylor's husband, Larry Fortensity, for drunken driv-ing, already 4 2 years old, has again been postponed to allow his lawyer to seek dismissal of the charges. May 20 was set for the trial pending the outcome of an appeal to be heard on May 1 by the River-side county court in California, but deputy district attorney Patricia Erickson has filed a motion to dismiss the appeal, which will be heard on April 10.

was The American alto saxothe phone player Lee Konitz has mov received the International Jazzpar Prize — the third American to do so - at a ceremony in Aarhus in westthe 65, honoured for vitalising M jazz with blues and bop, re-serv ceived \$33,000 (£19,000) yeste and a small bronze statue.

'Str Italy's state-run television has dom banned a mineral water com-Flyi mercial featuring American strik actor John Travolta because tion. of possible political overtones. ders. In the commercial, Travolta roan states that Italy has as many the political parties as it has minof theral water companies, and gove suggests Italians should

conti "choose well". It was sched-T uled for broadcast on April 2, still three days before the general are relections. Advertisements on Labo Italian public television canorgainot have any political con-tent, said Massimo Modesti. a spokesman for the agency that regulates such ads.

> Placido Domingo yesterday gave his blessing to plans to build a £20 million opera iouse at Compton Verney in the heart of Warwickshire. expected to open within five project council, the internaional tenor said: "The growth of opera in Britian narkable. Its artistic achievenents are held in high esteem

broughout the world. I wish

ou every success."

ctor Bill Roache - Coronaion Street's Ken Barlow as been admitted to Macsfield General Hospital, heshire, for tests on a stomch complaint. His admiswas pre-arranged and ne 61-year-old actor has een written out of the series or a number of episodes.

rincess Diana took on the ale of royal childminder yesrday as she headed out with er two sons for the Austrian opes. Three young friends vo boys and one girl, joined e party at Heathrow for a nal ski holiday of the season. scount Lindley and two Jult friends were in the oup as the princess, in a een checked jacket, a green to neck sweater and black orts trousers, made sure

y were all on board.

Tyson delivers own knockout blow

Fletcher watches the champion go down with a kiss and a

tortured smile

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MIKE Tyson handed his gold watch to his lawyer, kissed an elderly woman friend, and with a tortured half-smile on his face was led through a side door by a bevy of Indianapolis policemen to begin a six-year prison sentence for rape.

That marked the end of a sensational all-American supertrial, the end of a debauched and riotous lifestyle, and almost certainly the end of a career that had made Iron Mike the youn-gest and richest heavyweight world champion in boxing history.

His lawyers, the best money could buy, had spent the morning pleading for rehabilitation, not imprisonment, but any chance they had of persuading Judge Patricia Gifford were blown by a bizarre, rambling 12minute monologue by Tyson himself during which he dis-played negligible remorse. Veering between self-pity and defiance, this huge man

with shaven head stood at the witness stand and claimed he had been vilified, humiliated and crucified, a victim of his own celebrity. He apologised for any hurt caused, admitted he had been "kind of crass", but denied rape. There were "no black eyes, no broken ribs", he said. He was "trying to have some fun" and had got "carried away" by all the ladies at the pageant but had been portrayed as "a manic guy who had abso-

lutely gone crazy".
Wildly gesticulating, the boxer said the things he was



Fallen idol: Mike Tyson arriving at the Indianapolis court yesterday with his lawyer, Vincent Fuller, to receive a six-year jail sentence for rape, despite his own and his counsel's pleas for leniency

just incredible. He was not emotionally disturbed like Charles Manson. He had not come to beg for mercy. "I am here expecting the worst," he said. "I don't know if I can deal with it. . . I would be afraid but I am not guilty of this crime." He made much of his ignorance

of the law and lashed out at portray him as essentially a the prosecutors, claiming distasteful things" about him on television and mocking one as a "flash-in-thepan media star".

His performance was starkly at odds with his lawyers' previous attempts to

celebrity. Vincent Fuller, who had

spent the 14-day trial in February arguing that his dient was so famously debauched that Miss Wash-

good man who had been

unable to cope with his early

terday that Tyson was terrifying in the ring but "a sensitive, thoughtful, caring man" outside. He quoted the supervisor of Tyson's reform school calling him "a tulip among weeds".

Tyson jailed, page 1

Democrats break taboo on rumoured Bush adultery

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush ought to be held to the same standards of marital fidelity that Bill Clinton has been. Ron Brown, the Democratic party chairman, said yesterday. In remarks designed to shore up Mr Clinton's campaign and divert attention back to Republican prob-lems, Mr Brown broke a Washington taboo about Mr Bush's alleged, once muchrumoured affair with an aide. He told the Los Angeles Times that, if speculation about Mr Clinton's infidelities continued, "I hope George Bush is going to be asked some hard and tough "I speciators"

Rumours about Mr Bush's

questions".

refuge in Germany. Ankara: Turkish warplanes have hit camps of rebei Turkish Kurds in northern Iraq for the fourth time this month after violent unrest in southeast Turkey. Foreign re-lief workers and Iraqi Kurd-ish rebel leaders said three villages had been hit. (Reuter)



Seiters: Bonn rejects imported warfare

Mr Clinton's defeat by Mr Brown in Connecticut this week has raised new questions about his "character problems", letting the New York tabloid press loose on a Democratic primary race that would otherwise have been over before it began. Bush-Quayle aides say the revival of the "A" issue proves how desperate the Democrats have become.

The Democratic party also

chose yesterday to release one of its pieces of guaranteed good news for Governor Clinton in his campaign: the endorsement of his retired op-ponent, Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa. Senator Harkin said that he would aggressively lobby his labour supporters, who currently favour Jern Brown, to back the Arkansas governor.

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President endures five-hour check-up

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

Marc Weller argues that Tripoli has

put Washington and London in the

dock over the Lockerbie case by

spare a thought for America's First Patient, the president

For more than five hours yesterday, President Bush had eveything tested as he went through his annual check-up and encountered specialists that most people have never heard of or, if they had, had nightmares about "I'm looking forward to it."

Mr Bush assured the everattentive White House press corps just before boarding the helicopter which was to whisk him to the nearby Bethesda

NEXT time you go for a medical check-up and complain about the few basic tests a normal physical requires, Asked if he was in good health. Mr Bush gave the thumbs up.

The 67-year-old president's check-up involved particularly close attention to the glau-coma in his left eye. Mr Bush is having no medication for the disease, but he does take an anti-histamine regularly to control some allergies and is on a drug for his thyroid problem, known as Graves'

> Thomas Stuttaford, Thomas Statistord. Fawity, the desk manager at the Sheraton Hotel in Jedda,

Polite hello stuns Arab at end of line

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL yesterday discovcred that the world may be a smaller place thanks to mod-ern communications, but that technology by itself can do little to bridge the gulf of hatred and suspicion between the Arab world and the Jewish state.

The Israeli state telephone

company, Bezek, has opened a direct dialing service to 11 Arab countries, most of which are still in a state of war with Israel, in the hope that individuals in the Middle East might succeed in establishing the sort of con-tacts which the negotiators at the peace talks have so far failed to do.

However, as Damuy Gur-Arie, a reporter for Israel Radio assigned to carry out a one-man diplomatic initia-tive, discovered yesterday, actually making contact with the enemy does not necessarily lead to an improved relations. After achieving limited success with the reception manager at the Sheraton Hotel in Qatar, who was prepared to discuss the quality of the line, the weather and hotel occupancy at this time of year, the Israeli journalist faced the greatest challenge
— making contact with Saudi
Arabia, the heartland of Arab

stam and traditionally one of Israel's fiercest enemies. Unfortunately, he ap-peared to get through to the Arab equivalent of Basil put aside his country's con-flict with the Jewish state. The tortured dialogue began with the Israeli report-er introducing himself and announcing with innocent pride that he was calling from Jerusalem. "I beg your pardon." replied the incredu lous Saudi, in his best John

Cleese imitation. After the identity of the caller was established, the Isracli journalist continued: Well, we now have direct lines to call you. I just picked up the phone and dialled right to Jedda ... I'm just calling to say hello, to see how things are over there. How's the weather?"

The enquiry may have seemed innocuous to the Israeli, but to Saudi ears the request had more sinister un-dertones, perhaps intended to help Israeli air force pilots preparing a hombing raid.
"I'm sorry, I cant help you at all," replied the Saudi.
"How's the weather in Jed-

da?" persisted the Israeli.
"Well, I really don't know,"
said the Saudi, pausing, before adding, "it's a funny answer, isnt it?" "Well, it is funny," said the Israeli, relieved that finally

they agreed on something.
"Are you uncomfortable speaking to an Israeli?"
The Saudi hotel manager at first denied that there was anything the matter, but then admitted: "I don't

known why, but this is true."

Zaire's UN envoys get an eviction notice

New York: Most non-diplo-matic disputes at the United Nations involve the unpaid parking tickets of foreign envoys, but the State Department has now decided to confront a member nation about its failure to pay rent (James Bone writes).

The department has told Zaire that unless it pays the back rent owed by its mission to the UN in New York its diplomats will be evicted not only from the premises, but from America

This unprecedented move comes after a Manhattan judge ruled that Zaire must pay more than \$400,000 (£235,000) in back rent for offices in a skyscraper near the UN building or move out by April 20.

Judge Leonard Sand rejected Zaire's contention that its ten-year occupancy of the offices was protected by treaties and US domestic legislation. If the public interest was so compelling, he said, the rent should be paid by the US government or the UN rather than "thrusting the entire burden on the shoulders of a single private landlord".

Deal offered

Animan: Iraq proposed the sale or "neutralisation" of the suspected nuclear site of Al-Atheer. The proposal was put forward one day after the International Atomic Energy Agency had announced plans for the destruction of the site. (AFP)

Support wanes

Bangkok: Support appeared to wane among Thalland's pro-military political parties for Narong Wongwan, aged 67, a businessman and leading candidate for prime minister, in the wake of allegations that he is linked to drug trafficking. (AP)

Truce wrecked

Phum Serei: Thousands have fled from fighting between the Khmer Rouge and gov-erament forces in central Cambodia, food distribution has stopped and UN peacekeepers have asked to be armed. A truce signed at the weekend is in tatters. [Reuter]

Gotti overruled

New York: The judge in the trial of John Gotti, the alleged "boss of bosses" who is ac-cused of leading America's biggest Mafia family, has cut short his defence by barring his lawyers wanted to put on

Syrians leave

Beirut: Syria, which controls more than 80 per cent of Lebanese territory, has started to reduce its presence in Beirut in a measure described as a prelude for a comprehensive withdrawal in line with the agreement that ended the civil war in 1989.

israel accused

Jerusalem: Undercover Israeli units operating in the occupied territories have initiated what amounts to a shootto-kill policy against Palestinian suspects, Faisal Husseini, the most powerful Palestinian in the occupied territories, alleged.

Space gaming

London: The astronauts on the Atlantis space shuttle fired an electron-beam gun towards the Earth in an attempt to create artificial auroras in the sky which would have been visible from extreme southern latitudes,

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Libya turns tables on West over Lockerbie suspects

LIBYA has contrived to reverse the international legal situation over the extradition of the Lockerbie bombing suspects. Libya is now the accuser and Washington and London have landed in the dock.

Legally, the Libyan gov-ernment is fully entitled to refuse the extradition of its own nationals, even if they are accused of international terrorism. Tripoli has asked the International Court of Justice at The Hague to confirm its right to refuse extradition.

As it takes about two years before the court will come to a decision, Tripoli has also requested interim protection to restrain Britain and America from coercing it into surrendering the pair while the court decides on the merits of the case. This preliminary judgment can be expected in a few weeks. Washington, London and

ing to avoid this kind of legal rangle by using their position as permanent members of the Security Council who hold economic sway over Russia and China, the only other veto-wielding permanent members. In January, they achieved a non-binding resolution which insisted that the government in Tripoli must provide a "full and effective response" to the American and British de-

the suspects. However, in the view of the Arab world, Tripoli is responding "fully and effectively" by applying the terms of the Montreal Convention concerning unlawful acts against the safety of civil aviation. Under the convention. Libya has the option of either trying or extraditing terrorist suspects. It instituted proceedings against the two individuals, but Wash-

mands for the surrender of

referring it to the international court ington and London frustrated a possible trial by refusing to furnish the evidence they

A reluctance to take at face value Libyan promises of prosecuting the two with the necessary vigour is under-standable. But a failure by Libya to exercise due diligence in fulfilling its obligations under the Montreal Convention would have given America and Britain a right to apply to the world court. A court decision against Libya could have been enforced by the security

Both governments are

likely to argue that the Mon-

treal Convention does not

claim to have.

council.

cover state-sponsored rerrorism. This is not borne out by its terms and, at any rate, the world court has jurisdiction to rule on the issue. But even before the court has rendered its interim judgment. America and Britain are today pressing in the security council for the immediate adoption of economic sanc-

tions against Libya.

However, diplomatic, economic and possibly even military pressure designed to force the surrender of the suspects would obviously prejudice a ruling of the court on whether or nor the Montreal Convention applies and whether Libya is obliged to extradite.

complex and knotty internacumstance frequently experienced by the British government when seeking. the transfer of IRA terrorist suspects from the United States and France. And the security council is

Questions of extradition

not an international tribunal with jurisdiction to decide pre-eminently legal prob-lems. Instead, the United Nations Charter confirms the position of the world court as the "principal judicial organ" of the world organisation. Although the council.

could adopt further recommendatory measures, such as the holding of the suspects by the Arab League pending a ruling of the world court. binding sanctions would conflict with the UN Charter. A mandatory embargo, if it is not adopted to implement a world court decision, would require a finding of the council that Libya's position amounts to a threat to international security. Arguably, there might be such a threat if there was

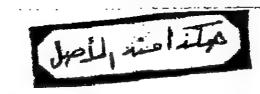
credible evidence of an imminent terrorist attack emanating from Libya. But it is difficult to see how Tripoli's insistence on the application of the Montreal Convention could amount to a threat to peace, especially after Libya has demonstrated its commitment to a peaceful settlement of the dispute by applying to the world court.

According to Washington and London, the need to combat terrorism and the desire to build a "new world order make it necessary to stretch UN law on this point. After all, recent and commendable UN interventions to assist the Kurdish, Somali and the Yugoslav popula-tions have also extended UN

practice into parts it could not reach before - the internal affairs of states. But it is precisely the danger of upsetting this fragile and positive consensus in the security council which makes it essential to respect the law. For legal rules safeguard the rights and interests of small-टा इतिहास

After the melting of the Cold War, these states are suddenly faced with an apparently omnipotent world organisation. If they are to continue to co-operate with the security council, they must be assured that UN decisions are based on objecrive law, rather than on the interests of powerful nations. The author is a Research Fellow of St Catharine's College and the Cambridge University Research Centre for International Law.

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Tamerlane resurrected as latter-day saint by Uzbeks



Tameriane: now seen

THOSE who take the Golden Road to Samarkand these days "for lust of knowing what should not be known travel a pot-holed highway lined with silver statues of Lenin and fading slogans promising "The final victory of Communism" or declaring that "Lenin is more alive to-

day than anyone living". But the death of communism has reached Uzbekistan. as it has other parts of the former Soviet Union. The wheel of history is turning again in this fabled city, built by the 14th century tyrant, Tameriane, with the spoils of a lifetime of bloody conquest.

The images of Lenin are coming down, and the city fathers are busy erecting instead statues to the man the playwright Christopher Marlowe described as "Scourge of God and terror of the world". A splendid 20ft statue in bronze complete with sword. shield and helmet is being

place the people of Central Asia are erecting statues of a 14th century tyrant. Jasper Becker writes from Samarkand images of Tamerlane are due the orders of a Russian gener-

Communism has gone, and in Lenin's

to follow, although the city authorities are still debating where exactly to put the first one. Several sites recently vacated by the disgraced Lenin are under consideration.

Already a street named after Frunze, the bolshevik general who brought his own brand of terror to Central Asia - though rather later than Tameriane - has been renamed Tamerlane Prospekt Another avenue is no longer called Communist Street but instead honours Tamerlane's wife, Bibi

The huge mosque she built in Tameriane's honour now stands in ruins, allegedly damaged by mortar fire on

al in 1878. Restoration work is at a standstill. Little else remains to commemorate Tameriane's reign other than the Registan, a square formed by three huge and exuberantly decorated madrasahs or religious colleges, which Lord Curzon once described as the noblest in the

yond the main tourist hotel. has now become more than just a tourist sight. These days elderly Uzbeks can be seen crouched in prayer beside the plain black sarcophagus.

Tameriane's tomb, just be-

"They worship him as a great man and as a saint," said an official guide. The



tomb is impressive, topped by a blue-ribbed dome in the shape of Tamerlane's hat. The locals have restored the interior using 4lb of gold, which sparkles dimly in the great cupola faced with onyx.

Until two or three years ago, the history of Tamerlane was taboo. His name was not even mentioned in school history books. The town's history museum still contains little to commemorate its most famous citizen apart from a wooden coffin of dubious origin and a poor portrait. After establishing a vast empire.

mation of the brain" in 1405 on the borders of China, where he launched his last campaign at the age of 68. His troops carried his body home in a wedding palanquin to prevent news of his death leaking out.

Tamerlane's name means "man of iron" in Uzbek. But the Western version of his name probably comes from the Persian Timur-I-lang, which means Timur the lame. His coffin, which lies in an underground crypt was at one stage opened by a Russian archaeologist and the body exhumed.

The investigation revealed that the occupant was indeed lame, about 5ft 5ins, strongly built, with red hair and with a small scar on his forehead. The story goes that when the body was exhumed, three old men appeared at a tea-house where the gravediggers were resting and warned them not to proceed. Sure enough,

they found written inside, the threat that "whoever opens my tomb shall unleash an invader more terrible than I". A day later on June 22 1941, the Nazis invaded the Soviet

Tamerlane was reburied a year later with documents testifying to his identity written in Russian, Persian and Uzbek. Few people in Samarkand object to the re-disovery of Tamerlane as a local hero and the simultaneous demise of Lenin, always an imported hero at best in Central Asia.

A sensitive issue in Samarkand is whether Tamerlane was an Uzbek, or rather a Persian-speaking Tajik. Most of the city's newer residents are Tajiks, who claim Tamerlane the tyrant as their own, and deeply resent the way in which Uzbek has replaced Russian as the official lan-guage of Uzbekistan.

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Lenin: an imported hero in Central Asia

Nato rules

out nuclear

arms in

war games

are to take a back-seat role in

future Nato war games under

proposals now being dis-cussed at the alliance's Brus-

sels headquarters (Michael

Under post-Cold War nuc-

lear disarmament policy, only

dual-capable aircraft will re-

main in Nato's tactical

arsenal in Europe. Land-

based tactical missiles and

nuclear-tipped artillery shells

Nato sources said, however,

that nuclear weapons were so

sensitive a subject that they

could no longer be in the

forefront of exercise plan-

ning. One source said: "We're

not abandoning the idea of

exercising nuclear proce-

dures, but the emphasis will

The sources said scenarios

for future exercises had not

yet been agreed, but it was already clear the alliance

would not run war games

hypothetical use of nuclear

weapons. One source said: "In the present climate it is

militarily unnecessary and politically unacceptable."

Troops banned

Madrid: British troops in

Gibraltar have been banned

from exercises in Spain, a

fellow Nato country, even

that triggered the new restric-

tion was described as of "little

importance" by the Spanish

be on crisis management."

are being eliminated.

Evans writes).

Ukraine's isolation alarms West

Tensions open Kiev split with Moscow

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW AND ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

RELATIONS between Russia and Ukraine, the axis of the fragile Commonwealth of Independent States, are deteriorating at a pace which is causing confusion and alarm among the Western powers.

In telephone conversations over recent days, the efforts of President Kravchuk of Ukraine to explain his side of the story to Western countries have been countered by stiff messages from President Bush and President Mitterrand. In particular, diplomats here say, there is considerable concern over President Kravchuk's suspension of the transfer of nuclear arms for destruction in Russia, on the ground that the. situation in the neighbouring republic is too chaotic to be

sure of the weapons' fate.
President Bush is reported to have said that, at a time when the future of the commonwealth was looking so delicate, it was especially infportant for countries to stand Ukraine's pledge to get rid of battlefield nuclear weapons by July. President Mitterrand said that he was concerned at the sharpness of disagreement between the commonwealth members over military

Washington intends to offer "quiet encouragement to both sides to come to a working agreement" on the transfer of nuclear weapons. one Western diplomat said. Ukraine has suggested that new mechanisms be found for the weapons' destruction under international supervision, and it has mooted the idea of setting up its own reprocessing plant, which would have the incidental benefits of generating hard currency and keeping atomic scientists employed.

Western governments have reacted coolly to this idea, cedent it would set for Belorussia and Kazakhstan, the other two former Soviet republics that are supposed to be sending home their nuclear weapons. Russia and Ukraine are also at odds over economic issues, with the Ukrainian parliament resolved to cut loose from the rouble zone this week, strengthen border controls and procure oil from the Middle East in return for manufactured goods, likely to

include weapons.

The collapse of the value of the monetary "coupons" introduced by Kiev this year, and the chaos caused by disruptions in the supply of energy and raw materials have driven home the extent to



Kravchuk: received a message from Bush

which Ukraine, like the smaller commonwealth states, has always been dependent on Russia for every commodity, including money. But far from forcing the republics back into closer co-operation, these economic pressures seem to be prising them fur-ther apart and redoubling the determination of Kiev. at least, to free itself from humiliating dependency.

Almost the only substantial move towards rapprochement between Moscow and

Kiev in recent weeks came after intense Western pressure: Ukraine's agreement to participate in arrangements for the repsyment of the Soviet Union's debt. But Western diplomats say they are conscious of the limits to their influence. They note that they may be presented with a fait accompli of Ukrainian withdrawal from the commonwealth, possibly before the group's next summit in May, and they are already beginning to study the implications of that for the republish pledges to our rid of lic's pledges to get rid of battlefield nuclear arms this year and strategic arms by 1994. For this reason, they are not flatly ruling out the possibility that they will have to reconcile themselves to the idea of reprocessing taking place on Ukrainian soil. "We are interested in the most secure solution, politically, fi-nancially and militarily," said one Western diplomat.

 Kiev: President Kravchuk has ordered the return of all Ukrainian conscripts from-Azerbaijan, Armenia and Moldavia by May 20, according to a decree published in the defence ministry newspaper, Narodnaya Armiya.

government to open talks with governments involved and the military command of the commonwealth to ensure the soldiers' return. Career officers and non-commissioned officers who wish to serve in Ukraine will also return under a deal to be worked out between the commonwealth and the Ukrainian defence ministry, the newspaper added.

Mr Kravchuk has been under pressure from public opinion to ensure that conscripts serving in other republics, particularly in areas of unrest, are allowed to return home. (Reuter)



Room for religion: girls in Sarajevo attending their first teaching about Islam in Bosnia-Herzegovina's schools since the decline of communism

Bosnia orders army to leave town

FROM DUSAN STOJANOVIC

LEADERS of Bosnia-Herzegovina issued an ultimatum esterday, demanding the immediate withdrawal of federal troops from a strategic town as bomb blasts and shooting erupted in the

republic.
The Bosnian presidency said that if the Serb-led Yugoslav army and other paramilitary forces failed to withdraw from Bosanski Brod by yesterday, it would inform the United Nations Security Council that an "internal aggression" had been commit-ted against the republic. At least six people died on Wed-nesday in shelling as Serbs and Croats fought over the strategic town on Bosnia's border with Croatia

Bosnian leaders claimed that the federal troops sided with Serbs in the clash. The army denied the charges. The clashes followed an upsurge of fighting in Bosnia-Herze-govina and Croatia that has left at least 30 dead this week. It was the worst outbreak of violence since a UN-brokered truce came into force on January 3 to end Serb-Croat clashes in Croatia.

Some of the fighting in Croatia appeared to be attempts by rival sides to gain territory before UN peacekeepers arrive. The Bosnian fighting was apparently between local militias trying to demarcate their regions before negotiations on the future of the ethnically mixed

Belgrade-based Tanjug news agency said that Croats erected barricades overnight on roads linking Bosanski Brod with Serbia to the east. One person was shot dead from a barricade, it added. The agency said ethnic tensions were spreading from Bosanski Brod towards Derventa, 12 miles south, where heavy shooting but no casualties were reported

Sub escapes

foreign minister.

Moscow: A submarine intruded into Russian territorial waters off Murmansk. where Russian and American nuclear submarines collided last month. It used underwater jamming to elude the former Soviet navy and fled. the military said. (Reuter)

Airline fined

Lagos: The British govern ment has fined Nigeria Airways El.2 million for flying Illegal immigrants carrying forged documents into Britain over the past three years, forcing the airline to increase its international fares, an airline official said. (AFP)

Pravda returns

Moscow: Pravda, formerly the official daily of the Soviet Communist party, is to return after ceasing publication two weeks ago, Sovetskaya Ros-siya said. The editor of Pravda said it had been promised credits by a bank. (AFP)

Chemical to go

Rome: Atrazine, a weed killer massively used in rice fields and with other crops, has been banned throughout Italy. Produced by Italian and European chemical com-panies, it had been blamed for the growing pollution of water wells. (AP)

Fears dismissed

Brussels: Denying that regulations under the EC's single market meant that specialist foods, notably smelly French cheeses, would be banned, Martin Bangeman, the European Industry Commissioner, said: "That's nonsense. The contrary is true." (AFP)

Food tainted Moscow: Residents of the

northern Russian town of Archangel rushed to buy three tonnes of sausages. But after the entire consignment had been sold, health inspectors amounced it was unfit to eat. Rat fur had been discovered in the sausages. (Reuter)

Cosmonaut is ready for another flight

FROM DAVID JUNGGREN IN ZVYOZDNY GORODOK

SERGEI Krikalev, aged 33. the cosmonaut who missed the Soviet Union's collapse while he was stranded in orbit for ten months, said yesterday that he was ready to go back into space. "Being a cosmonaut is my job. Some rest is vital, so that I can get ready for work in space again," he told reporters at this space

training centre near Moscow. Mr Krikalev, a flight engineer, was unshaven and looking gaunt but in good spirits in spite of his 310-day stay in space. He was to have returned to Earth late last year but the mission to bring him back was cancelled because of budget cuts. He finally returned from the Mir space station on Wednesday with Aleksandr Volkov, who had spent 175 days in space, and Klaus-Dietrich Flade, a German air force officer who was

in orbit for only eight days. Wearing light blue overalls with the old "USSR" emblem on one arm, Mr Krikalev said that he had learnt from ground control roughly what was happening in and to the Soviet Union while he was stranded in space. He and his companions spoke to reporters through a thick pane of glass from a separate room in the space centre's medical

"My health is quite normal, as it should be after a flight of that length," he said. "But I am not sure how long it will take me to get back to normal - one month, perhaps two."

The Mir space station, which has been manned almost continuously since 1986, was the focal point of the Soviet Union's space programme, which first started with the launch of the Soviet Sputnik satellite in 1957. Experts say the space station is reaching the end of its working life and must be modernised or destroyed in the next

Mr Volkov said one of the highlights of his Mir mission had been the arrival of Herr Flade, who brought with him a selection of traditional German foods. "The food he brought with him was wonderful. We were really missing home cooking at that stage," he said.

Mr Volkov started the news conference in an angry mood, flercely denying a report in the daily Moskovsky Komsomolets newspaper that he and the other two cosmonauts had partied the night away to celebrate their safe return. "We got back here and went straight to bed. We were in no condition to go boozing," he said. (Reuter)

Disco-dancing in the dark to a democratic beat

TIRANA NOTEBOOK by Anne McElvoy

One minute the solitary working lift in the Hotel Tirana was proceeding downwards at its regular iudder, the next it was not. The capital was in the grip of one of the regular evening power cuts, the result of the entire population turning on its televisions at once for the evening news.

There was only one other traveller, a teenage boy also bound for the evening's great event, the opening of the capital's first discothèque. He was relieved to share his plight with an outsider. "You shout, I'll hang," he said. "If they think we're foreign, they'll help us sooner." Half an hour later, he there seemed not to be theory seemed not to be

entirely watertight. Ruben ran me through his schooling, hobbies and aspirations: "To leave this place — not just the lift:

Finally, the flash of a torch indicated the arrival of the manager. There was, he announced, nothing he could do. We should wait until the power cut was over. And when might that be? "Could be one minute," came the reply, Could be five days." Then

padding away. Ruben remarked: "When they say that sort of thing in Albania, they always

mean five days."
Continued shouting and banging was agreed upon instead. A group of south Landon seconds floated into earshot. Three minutes later, the rickety doors had been rent open by the brute force of three British photographers. As if by magic, the manager reappeared and surveyed the scene of the liberation. "Hooligans." he said. At the disco, Tirana's

icanesse dorèe was grooving in the candlelight. The private generator could cope with the sound system but not with flashing lights. "We can have either the lights or the music," the owner, a wealthy Kosovo Albanian, explained, "but not both."

The sole guest of honour was the Yugoslav am-bassador, who danced an uneasy foxtrot with his wife to the stomping beat before leaving in a huff after being questioned too closely about his govern-ment's repressive policies ties here, so most of the disco-goers could be found again at the German embassy's post-election bash. "Quick," said the ambassador, clearly aware of the prime purpose of socialis-ing in Tirana. "There's still something left to eat". Three fowl of uncertain origin were being hacked apart by the embassy cook for the hungry guests. "Do you have any sausages left?" enquired a German television correspondent hopefully. "Not socialist," came the indignant reply.

If John Major should feel in need of a fillip to his electoral campaign, he should call Sali Berisha, Albania's new leader - providing he can wangle access to the single incoming telephone line to Tira-na that works. Mr Berisha accosted the British press at the celebrations after his landslide victory to ask how the British prime minister was faring. "Mr Ma-jor is a wise and agreeable man," he boomed. "I wish him a majority as big as my

own. Tell him if there is

anything I can do to assist.

"I am Democrat."

Train to Auschwitz recalls Vichy victims

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

FIFTY years ago today the first trainload of French Jews rounded up under the German occupation set off from Paris to Auschwitz and the "night and fog" of the Final Solution. All but a handful of 1,100 in that convoy per-ished, and as the packed cattle wagons kept rolling east during the next two years well over 70,000 more Jews in France were deported to the death camps. To mark this tragic anni-

versary, the Paris authorities have joined forces with Jewish community organisations to stage a moving exhibition dedicated to the memory of the victims, among whom were about 1,100 young children. Today's official opening by the mayor of the capital, Jacques Chirac, will also mark the end of renovation work on the centre housing the Memorial to the Unknown Jewish Martyr.

The uncompromising title of the exhibition, Le Temps des Rafles (Time of Hate Round-ups), serves as a sombre reminder of the degree to which France's Vichy govern-ment co-operated with the Nazis over the fate of its own Jewish citizens. Some French officials and police worked with little sign of repugnance within the highly organised

system that delivered them to the gas chambers. The first internment camp

for Jews in France at Drancy.

in the suburbs of Paris, was

established on the orders of the prefecture it swiftly acquired the nickname of "antechamber to Auschwitz". Among the documents now on display are French archives providing names, addresses and descriptions of some 150,000 Jews; French gendarmes used that list to seize men, women and children from their homes and herd them on board the convoys to oblivion. The exhibition also reminds visitors. with films, seminars and survivors' testimony, of the non-Jews who risked their lives to harbour or save fugitives. As an integral part of the

exhibition, the passage of the Jews to their doom is to be commemorated symbolically by a journey along the same railway route across Germany and into Poland for arrival at the ramp in Auschwitz for a silent ceremony. For the Paris lawyer and Nazi-hunter, Serge Klarsfeld, who conceived the idea, this is a powerful opportunity to combine solemn remembrance with the coming of a new Europe in which such evil must never be allowed.





Where's our London pride?

Despite its detractors, the capital is a fine place to live, says Tony Travers

ondon-bashing has become a popular sport. Opposition politicians, business leaders and cities elsewhere in Britain have formed a rainbow coalition of detractors. The capital is too crowded, too dirty, too expensive, too criminal, and has a collapsing "quality of life". A slide into economic decline is predicted.

Facts rarely play a part in the gloom-merchants catalogue of despair. This is just as well, as the statistics show a rather different picture from these emotionallycharged attacks. Consider three key factors which provide evidence about the changing quality of life in London as compared with the rest of the country.

Crime is out of control in London? Well, not according to the figures. The total number of notifiable offences recorded by the police rose by 47 per cent in London between 1981 and 1991. while in England and Wales outside London, the comparable figure was 86 per cent. This staggering difference is some way from the conventional (and highly

influential) percep-tion of bandits lurking on ever 'On crime, more street corners in the capital. Homicide statistics housing and show a similar education, picture. Between 1981 and 1985, the hard there were, on average, 174 homifacts don't cides per year in the capital, rising bear out the by just under 5 per cent, to an average catalogues of 182 per year between 1987 and 1991. The reof despair' spective figures for England and

Wales outside London show an increase of more than 12 per cent.
So, if crime fails the "London's burning" test, what about home-lessness? Surely, Londoners are suffering out of all proportion to their neatly-housed provincial cousins. Wrong again. The num-ber of registered homeless house. ber of registered homeless households in London rose by 113 per cent between 1980 and 1990, compared with a rise of 140 per cent in England outside London. Of course, it is still true that a higher proportion of households are homeless in London than in the rest of the country, although

the gap is being reduced.
All right then, apart from crime and homelessness, surely London is educationally subnormal: this is why so many conscience-stricken NW3-types have had to bite the bullet and justify moving their offspring out of the state system. Here things look up a bit for the London bashers. Examination performance is marginally worse in London than in the country as a whole, though not by much. For example, 15.6 per cent of the capital's children get one or more A levels, compared with the national average of 17.1 per cent.

But for the discriminating and footloose parent, there are several London boroughs which spectacularly outpace the rest of the country. Barnet, Sutton and Richmond, for example, have excellent exam performances. Better still, London remains a magnet for graduates from all over Britain. Almost 15 per cent of the London workforce holds a degree, compared to only 6 per cent in the West Midlands, 7 per cent in the north-west and a country-wide

average of just 812 per cent.

So. on three "quality of life" indicators, London is not in the grim state that its detractors suggest. Further evidence can be adduced from the most basic indicator of all: population. If the quality of life has deteriorated so much in the last few years, people would have voted with their feet. They have not done so. Between 1981 and 1990, the population of London was static. In the same period. Manchester's population declined by 3½ per cent and Bristol's by 7 per cent, while Glasgow, that miracle of urban regeneration, saw its population

slump by 11 per cent. Birming-ham, Liverpool, Leeds and Shef-field are also on the way down. None of the above is meant to imply that everything in London is rosy, merely to suggest that despite hard evidence to the contrary, the capital has been used by a number of commentators as a Great Exhibition of social prob-

> other places in Britain are getting

worse faster. London's detrac-

tors often fail to

point to the city's

to failures in

other places. Take

the current debate

about the location

of the European

Central Bank, in which Frankfurt is

the advantage because of the sup-posed decline in London's quality of life. Comfy, suburban German cities may offer cleaner streets and picturesque trams, but it would only be fair to point out that they also offer highly-visible racism of a kind which would pose diffi-culties for African or Asian visitors to the European bank far outweighing the disadvantage of perhaps having to wait an extra

Two factors more than any others create a problematic illusion of London life the clappedout Underground and the roofless in their cardboard boxes. The former is in difficulty, paradoxically, because its recent success has exposed decades of under-investment. The latter is the indirect consequence of policy changes affecting social security and health care during the 1980s, and is, by any standards, a national problem which just happens to have surfaced in the capital. Effort and money on a grand scale are now being devoted to both problems.

few minutes for the tube.

If comparisons are to be made involving London, let them be fair. Do not forget the downside of other cities at home and abroad. Do not imagine that failings such as dirty streets and rising crime exist only in the capital. London is a national asset: an internationally-recognised shop-window for the country. If its image is care-lessly tarnished, so much the worse

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The NHS always appears to be underfunded, whichever party is in power, argues Rudolf Klein

Political embarrassment is in-herent in the nature of the National Health Com-National Health Service. Its history is one of regular crises, and a built-in perception of underfunding, under both Labour and Conservative governments.

Consider the question of whether the Tories have starved the NHS of money, which is central to the election debate. It is impossible to answer, since no one has come up with a formula for determining what an adequate level of funding would be. The much quoted figure of a 2 per cent a year rise, in real terms, being needed to pay for the ageing of the population, technological change and new policies was a clever invention by a Department of Health civil servant in the 1970s, designed to extract money from the Treasury.
Its pseudo-precision should not mislead. It rests on an extrapolation of past trends, and one could

easily argue that it should be half or twice that figure.

So when examining the spend-ing record of the Conservatives through the 1980s, one is using an elastic measuring rod. In the 1980s, the magic figure of a 2 per cent growth rate could be winkled

An incurable case

out of the statistics only by in-cluding the so-called efficiency savings. But in the 1990s, with the approach of an election, there has been an outburst of generosity. The autumn settlement pro-vided an extra £2.2 billion for the NHS in England in 1992-3: a rise of 4.2 per cent in real

Indeed the government has in some respects short-changed itself in the funding debate. Most of the argument has been based on the financing of hospital and community services. But expenditure on primary health care, which is not cash limited, has been rising much faster. Also, the government has been pouring money into residential and nursing home care through the social security system, so allowing hospitals to decant many of the elderly people from their beds, a saving for the NHS of possibly as much as a billion pounds. But, however one manipulares

the figures, as both the govern-ment and the Opposition do, one thing is quite certain: the percep-tion of underfunding will persist. and governments will continue to be blamed for everything that goes wrong in the NHS. This would be true even if Labour were to add a post-election bonanza to the preelection sweetener of the Conservatives. There are two reasons why this is so.

First, there is the nature of health care, and the opportunities for extra spending that it offers. As the technology of medicine advances, what were once hi-tech procedures such as joint replacement, become, within decades, quite routine operations. Also, we have hardly begun to deal with disability, or started to improve the quality of life of those who cannot be cured: again, there is enormous potential for spending money for sensible and humane

purposes. Secondly, all those working in

the NHS have a vested interest in denigrating it. The phrase is Enoch Powell's, writing 30 years ago about his experience as minister of health. It remains as applica-ble as ever. In effect, managers. doctors and nurses all have an interest in drawing attention to the shortcomings of the NHS in order to attract more money for themselves.

This is not necessarily a cynical or deliberate strategy, but it does remove any responsibility for shortcomings from the service providers. Rather than blaming themselves, they can always blame underfunding. At any time in the history of the NHS, it has been possible to find examples of desperately ill people not being treated, or even being turned away to die. But searching out the usually complex reasons why this happens does not fit into the near antitheses of political debate: it is much easier to lay all the blame on

Other factors peculiar to the present government have reinforced this phenomenon. The Conservatives' reforms of the health service affronted the medical profession because they were introduced without consultation. Furthermore, they challenged the medical profession's autonomy: the new general practitioner contract spells out the GP's responsibilities as never before. This lingering resentment means. once again, that everything that goes wrong is blamed on the changes introduced by the government.

On the issue of the health service, therefore, the Conservatives can at best hope to limit the damage. An election campaign is hardly the best setting for trying to make sense of ambiguous data and difficult arguments. At most the Tories can console themselves with the thought that a Labour administration, if returned, would face much the same criticisms before the end of

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Mitterrand loses his touch

The French are no

longer sure of their politics or culture, writes

Patrick Marnham

summarised the results of last Sunday's French regional elections, which saw the collapse of the ruling Socialist party's vote, as "the end of the Mitterrand era". And on the morning after the poll, the editor of Le Monde was writing of "the collapse of the structure of the 5th Republic".

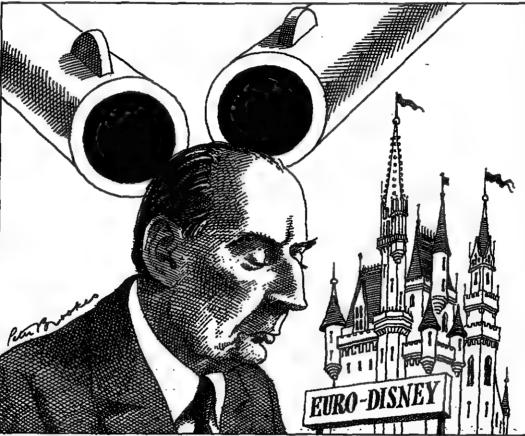
The regional elections have regulated in a curious circuston in

resulted in a curious situation in which there are no winners and prizes for no one — the opposite of Lewis Carroll's caucus race. The Socialist party, with 18.3 per cent support, has achieved its worst result in a national election since it was founded by François Mitterrand at the Congress of Epinay in 1971. All over France, Socialist party stars sent out to lead regional voting lists have been ignomini-ously defeated.

Yet the democratic right — united as the UPF — has also managed to lose 8 per cent of the votes it won at the previous regional elections in 1986. And though the National Front is able 13.9 per cent, its leader Jean-Marie Le Pen was unable to conceal his disappointment at failing to win control of a single region. His party's vote was smaller than the total he himself gained in the 1988 presidential

The Communist party, with 8 per cent support, has again failed to reverse its steady decline, and even the Greens, who achieved a remarkable result, putting them equal third with the National Front, were regretting that their vote was split between the Verts (the official Green party) and Generation Ecologie (a newlyfounded breakaway group led by

election.



charismatic Mitterrandist

As a result of holding the elections by proportional representation, there is now no workable majority in 15 of the 22 regions. alarmed observers that this may not be the end of the Mitterrand era after all. If Sunday's voting pattern were repeated in next year's legislative elections under the traditional first-past-the-post system, the UPF would win an overall majority of 93 in the National Assembly, where the National Front would hold only 2 seats. But if President Mitterrand should move the goalposts - as he has the power to do - and introduce proportional voting for legislative elections as well, then the UPF would fail to gain an overall majority and the National Front would win 77 seats. The Socialist party would win about

140 seats under either system. The result under proportional representation would be a National Assembly in which the lic has become a democracy in National Front held the balance of which the individual in power can power and President Mitterrand could present himself for the last two years of his presidential term as the only effective opponent of the extreme right. Could M Mitterrand muster the cynicism needed to retain power by handing Jean-Marie Le Pen 77 seats in the National Assembly? The answer from observers of all political

tendencies comes thundering back: "Yes, he could." This week, the attacks on President Mitterrand have been bitter. and they have come from all sides. He has been accused of covertly reducing French politics to an Italian level, and the man who is supposed to be "the leader of all the French" is said to have divided and redivided the electorate for his own advantage, heedless of the cost to the nation. Under President Mitterrand, the Fifth Repubchange the rules of the political had already failed to reach agree-ment on something as fundamental as the financing of its political parties. Today those parties are seen by articulate Gaullist deputies such as Philippe Seguin and Philippe de Villiers as bearing more resemblance to sophisticated systems of patronage and croneyism than to bodies representing currents of national

opinion. As recently as 1989, when it was celebrating the bicentenary of the revolution, France seemed to be an economic model for Europe and the continent's political leader. How can it have reached its current state so quickly?

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bassador to Washington or per-

of regional election results there is a more profound disturbance in France today; its origins were political, but it has become just as much national and cultural. It began with German reunification and the Gulf war. The speed of the first, followed by the collapse of the Soviet Union, left President Mitterrand visibly shocked and out of his depth in an area where he had formerly presented himself as a man of vision. French support for the Gulf war destroyed the country's Middle East policy and was a brutal demonstration of national pretentiousness on a world stage which is not so much dominated as monopolised by the

Now, in preventing agreement on Gatt's Uruguay Round in order to protect French agriculture, the French government seems destined to suffer another humiliation at American hands. France today, like Britain in 1956. is a country which has lost a (European) empire and found no alternative role.

an appropriate coincidence, the current turmoil has broken out just two weeks before the opening outside Paris of Euro-Disneyland, a 5,000-acre site which is the very symbol of American cultural triumphalism. While the arrival of Mickey Mouse has led to an anguished intellectual debate about the unimportance of French culture, the political landscape outside the gates of Disney is

inside. The great barons of the Socialist party, limping back to Paris with their trousers round their knees, and squabbling about how best to rig the next game, are greeted by the savants of the Academie Francaise, lamenting the Anglo-Saxon assault on the French language. But no one is listening. Instead, chattering about le fast food, le weekend and adding faxez-moi. the French are queueing up to buy a deformed version of their own fairy tales, marketed by a staff of French natives whose first condition of employment is that they should not, while at work, speak French.

...and moreover

ere my mother still around, you would not be reading the because she would have written the editor a note saying: "Dear Mr Jenkins, Alan is suffering from a bilious attack so I'm keeping him in bed." You would thus be using this space to jot telephone messages and decode crossword anagrams, while I should be propped limply among the camellias, reading The Beano, drinking Tizer, and listening to Workers' Playtime.

She would have spared you much: a bilious attack shared is rarely a bilious attack halved. and before we get to the foot of column three we may well have parted company, you and l. perhaps for good. But my con-tractual obligation at this stand is to provide a sideways look at life, and since it is becoming increasingly difficult to look life there will be days when the louche view is the only one there is, however dispiriting the

Let us call them the days of the feelbad factor. We do not hear much about the feelbad factor, possibly because those who suffer it most are too busy attaching the noose to the joist or stirring the strychnine into the cocoa. but its insidious spread is accelerating. You can smell it on the wind, you can taste it in the water, and, if you throw up the casement and cock an ear, you can hear it in the unmistakeable rattle of a handcart lurching towards hell. My own current bout began

driving juggerfreight across Twyford Down or embracing karaoke within the GCSE music syllabus; why it should fuel the feelbad factor, who can say?

election. Which, next day, brought me John Major in a Nissan factory, insisting that only Conservatism could revive our car industry by stimulating interest in foreign parts (which Britons could bolt together). Neil Kinnock shooting himself in the ear with a length of NHS petit Guignol at once more lleshcreeping and less credible than The Silence of the Lambs; and Jeremy Ashdown, as he perhaps understandably on Sunday night, in Grosvenor House, at the BAFTA awards. Infuriatingly, it crept up when I was feeling rather good: browsed sluiced, surrounded by jolly friends, I was even able to handle the reflection that at our last maximum the m last meeting, the royal radiance at the next table was not yet a marital casualty (with all that that increasingly portends), un-til an Australian transvestite suddenly shimmered onstage and made a joke about it. I did not walk out, but I felt an armhe perhaps understandably prefers not to be known, vault-ing a fence in a flashy but vain bid to show what he was not pit prickle. Then someone else pranced on and gave the Best Actor gong to Anthony Hopkins for playing a cannibal in as sitting on.
I went to bed again after that, and early, partly because I needed time to ponder why the news that Ken Russell was to direct Lady Chatterley's Loverhad unaccountably failed to make me feel any better but catchpenny a piece of gratuitous nastiness as I have ever squirmed at, and the worm was

in the bud. I tied on a couple more, and slunk home to think glum thoughts.
I awoke from them to a phonecall informing me that Punch
had snuffed it. The caller wanted make me feel any better, but primarily because I had to be up at dawn so that Alistair could tell me, while the drinks were to know why. I did not say that, despite the best efforts of all concerned, it had failed to coming out, that Heseltine had decided to sell County Hall not to the LSE after all, but to some Japanese people who wanted to create a tourist complex. Since I do not know what a tourist descend to a low enough level to find the audience it had incomprehensibly chosen to seek, because there seemed scant point, and it didn't matter, complex is. I can only assume it to be a mental disorder afflictапуway. To lose Punch after 150 years because Britain has outgrown it and would rather read Viz is just as unimportant as

ing foreign visitors unable to work out Britain's priorities. And, yes, you know why the drinks were coming out at dawn we had convened beneath Alistair's dish to watch the cricket. So might it then be that the feelbad factor is just the result of the result? Particularly if who is Perhaps; but if it were only that, wouldn't I feel better? concentrating on the general

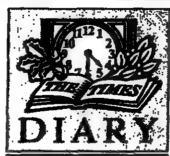
More of the same?

REMEMBER where you saw it first. It was yesterday's Diary which disclosed that Conservative Central Office had learnt in advance about Labour's controversial party political broadcast. We reported that William Waldegrave had set up a damage limitation team, led by his special adviser Richard Marsh, to deal with just such stories during the campaign.

Tipped off in advance from the inside. Richard Marsh ensured that sympathetic newspapers were bricled even before Labour's broadcast went out, so that the morning papers were able to pour scorn on Labour's claims yesterday. It was just the sort of slick operation the Tories had previously failed to mount. The

Well there may be more to come. Waldegrave's team is shadowing the work of Labour's "media initiative unit", which despite the furore over Jenniser Bennett, is collecting further human interest health stories. After compiling a dossier of more than a thousand cases, the unit has set up a special telephone line for the public to supply alleged instances of delayed NHS treatment.

Heading the unit is Phil Woolas. a former television journalist, who has coordinated the handling of hundreds of cases brought to his I I staff since Tuesday night's programme. They now have enough stories to bombard the public with a dozen a day for the duration of the campaign if the public has the appetite. The unit is supported by three powerful advertising gurus: Barry Delaney, Philip Gould and Chris Powell, brother of MIS Thatcher's former foreign policy adviser, Sir Charles.



■ The Conservation Foundation inside the Royal Geographical Society is being inundated with telephone calls for John Major. But Major has not been near the RGS during the election cam-paign, although Nell Kinnock last week filmed some of his next election broadcasts there. There is a simple explanation. "I think the directory enquiries computerised system has got us mixed up with Conservative Central Office." says David Shreeve, the foundation's

Mandarins' man

ONE civil servant anxiously awaiting the result on April 9 must be Britain's ambassador in Moscow, Sir Rodric Braithwaite. He was expecting to take over later in the spring from Sir Percy Cradock as special foreign policy adviser in

Downing Street. The job was invented by Mrs Thatcher after the Falklands War as an alternative source of advice to the then suspect Foreign Office. The post was filled by Sir Anthony Parsons, but like so many Whitehall jobs, it did not fade away when the need for it was gone. As quid pro quo for the offensive post existing, the FO has always succeeded in getting its own man appointed and using him as a useful

manent secretary, is an obvious choice. He is both an Atlanticist and a Russophile. With the FO eagerly building a bureaucratic empire for Britain's Euro-presidency later this year, John Major, who had agreed to the Braithwaite appointment, would welcome an in-house sceptic with strong con-tacts with both America and Russia. But would Neil Kinnock and his putative foreign secretary. Ger-ald Kaufman, feel the same?

White House tales

THE label "the man Moscow wants in the White House" would in times gone by have been enough to sink the chances of any presi-dential hopeful. Today, however, Bill Clinton can make the claim in the hope that it will enhance his

accident-prone campaign. The aileged support of Boris Yeltsin comes via Andrew Solomon, a New Yorker who has become Clinton's adviser on Russian affairs and who found himself during a holiday last August manning the barricades with Yeltsin's support-

ers during the coup. "I was going for dinner when we

heard the news and took to the Braithwaite, as the brightest streets instead. I saw a young man attempting to convince a tank commander to turn back. He said he had orders to destroy our barricades, but he was talked into bowing to the will of the people." Solomon, who is now helping to set up an Institute of Contemporary Arts in Moscow, then clambered on top of the tank outside the White House in Moscow — a picture which he hopes will soon be hanging on the wall of the other White House, in Washington.

> How seriously can we take the boast of The Independent, whose front page each day proclaims that its election coverage is "im-partial"? From the City Road newsroom comes intelligence that two of its reporters, Geraldine Norman, the saleroom correspondent, and her deputy, John Windsor, are standing for the Natural Law Party, "But I won't be campaigning. That is against our party's policy," she says.

Acting guilty

BROADWAY'S version of Death and the Maiden, which opened last week, has been hit by further controversy. Following the outcry over the exclusion first of the British cast and then of Hispanic actors, Glenn Close has become the latest target of the protestors.

Close, who plays the role taken by Juliet Stevenson in the British production, has failed the New York political correctness test - or rather her father has. He is none other than the personal physican to Mobuto Sese Seko, the president of Zaire. Protestors picketing the Brooks Atkinson Theatre daim that Dr William Close has "condoned the policies of a dictator". In the play, his daughter takes the role of Paulina — the victim of a dictator.

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EVASION OF JUSTICE

If the Libyan government had been a human plaintiff presenting its case to the International Court of Justice yesterday, it might have been as a woman dressed demurely in black, sporting bruises where her husband had knocked her about, hoping to win immediate sympathy from the public gallery and the jury. Colonel Musmmar Gadaffione of the age's great disregarders of international law, has suddenly become enamoured of it, and is trying to recruit it to prevent the international community imposing sanctions on his country.

He has a superficial case. Britain and America, he says, are attempting "illegal and arbitrary blackmail by threatening punitive UN sanctions and possibly military action in an attempt to force Libya to hand over the two suspects for the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie in 1988. He cites the Montreal Convention on safety in civil aviation, which gives Libya the right to try the suspects itself. He points out that Libya has extradition treaties with neither country. He claims that the Western states have not provided enough prima facie evidence of the suspects' guilt and fears that, in an election year, the suspects' rights could be sacrificed to the two governments' desire to act tough.

Moreover, Libya questions whether they could be guaranteed a fair trial in either Scotland or America. The release of the Birmingham Four and the Guildford Six has shown up Britain's record of jailing innocent people for terrorist offences. Much of the evidence surrounding the Lockerbie incident, which could prejudice any subsequent trial, has already been published. And as corroboration of Britain's and America's aggressive and unlawful intent, Colonel Gadaffi can point to the bombing raid on Tripoli in 1986, an act of revenge for a terrorist bombing in Berlin for which Libya

seems not even to have been responsible. So

far so reasonable, but no further. Colonel Gadaffi has supported multifarious terrorist groups working to destabilise Western states, including Britain. Despite occasional professions to the contrary, he has given no evidence that he has stopped doing so. If he wanted to illustrate his intention to disavow his past transgressions, he could, for instance, give the British government information about what he supplied to the IRA, when and to whom.

His recourse to the ICJ is blatant prevarication. The court takes about two years to deliver a final judgment. Colonel Gadaffi claims that all UN action should cease until it decides. Had Saddam Hussein appealed to the court to adjudicate on Iraq's border dispute with Kuwait immediately after his invasion, and had he then expected the allies to leave him in possession while the court pondered, he would have met with an equally brusque response.

Colonel Gadaffi's strategem has been to generate as much random noise as possible in the hope of drowning out the demands of the rest of the world. He has now made numerous offers with different conditions attached, and then withdrawn them. Even his friends in the Arab League have given up on him: yesterday they said they had suspended their attempts to negotiate a handover of the suspects because Libva had shown no flexibility.

Libya's government employed the two Lockerbie suspects as intelligence agents at a time when it was plainly sponsoring terrorism. It cannot plausibly be allowed to act as judge, jury and accused in this case. Libya's past actions have ruled it out of court in international law. It must comply with the United Nations' Security Council resolution 731 and hand over the suspects forthwith.

PACIFIED UNIONS

The Tories played the union card yesterday. Like Labour's health card of the day before, this was a predictable set-piece of the election. Unfortunately for the Tories, however, union-bashing is no longer the winner it once was. The unions scarcely register on the public opinion scanner as an election issue.

Yet if today's unions seem pacific and moderate, this can only be because the Thatcher government marked them out as enemies for one of its earliest and most complete victories. Fewer days are currently being lost by strikes than at any time in the last 60 years, the trend continuing through boom and recession. That very success presents the Tories with a tactical dilemma. The more they boast of past triumphs by stressing how industrially peaceful the trade union scene now is, the more difficult it becomes to scare the voters with the prospect of industrial maybem if Labour is elected.

Labour is proposing some adjustments to the law but its front bench spokesman, Tony Blair, insists the changes would make not much difference. The employment secretary, Michael Howard, has been claiming the Margaret Thatcher's good work. He implies that a Labour government would return the law to what it was in 1979, even giving unions extra powers they did not enjoy then.

The truth is more mundane. Labour would keep the essence of the Tory reforms: the enforcement of democracy in a trade union's internal affairs, and the ending of the general immunity of unions from legal action when their members strike. Immunity would only be allowed, as now, if certain conditions - a secret ballot, for instance had been met. Otherwise, as now, unions would be liable to pay damages to an aggrieved employer. Mr Howard has proposed, reasonably enough, that union liability be extended to include aggrieved members of the public.

The real legal battleground, not foreseen by either side at the time of the first Tory industrial relations reform, has been over applications for injunctions. Unions have

complained that the judge-made rules governing injunctions were evolved to deal with commercial not industrial disputes. Part of the quarrel between Mr Blair and Mr Howard (barristers both) is over whether Labour's proposed remedies for this are unnecessary, reasonable or excessive. The Tories are hampered by the difficulty of making such technical details look like issues of principle.

What matters far more is the cultural change in British trade unionism initiated by Mrs Thatcher's government. The change has taken the unions away from being outside legal regulation and into a new soirit of law-abidingness. If Mr Blair is to be believed, this spirit will remain under Labour. But for the good of British industrial relations, if not for Tory election chances, Mr Howard does well to force him to say so as often and as categorically as possible.

That the argument is between lawyers is a sign of the times. The Tory reforms have shifted the emphasis from collective to individual rights, from the rights of unions to the rights of union members. Labour's proposal for bailots to allow a workforce to claim the right to union representation implies the right to choose which union. This fits ill with the Bridlington agreement which the Tories wish to end - under which the TUC dictates which union shall organise in which industry.

This fits well, though, with the "new realism" on employment rights, which sees the law as the chief agent of employment safeguard, unions as their members' advisers and facilitators. Having both moved this way, less now separates Labour and the Tories than either likes to pretend. The public has noticed the change. It may still be concerned at the influence of unions in the public services; it may dislike the continuing role of unions in Labour's own affairs. But it is a measure of the Tories' success at reforming the unions - and it is to the trade union movements' credit too - that the public is satisfied the reforms are irreversible.

PASSING BRAVE

To have Tamerlane as a compatriot might seem a matter for commiseration; to try to take him away from somebody else looks positively perverse. Yet as The Times' correspondent in Samarkand describes today, the Uzbeks and Tadzhiks are quarrelling with each other for the honour of having him as their national hero, placing his statues on the public pedestals hurriedly vacated by Lenin.

Nor is this particular Scourge of God the first to be rehabilitated. Reports from Mongolia suggest that Genghis Khan's only real problem was the lack of a good press office, which would have pointed out to his victims that they should have judged him "by the standards of his time" - Mongolian standards, of course. Vlad the Impaler was a strong Romanian ruler who restored order and repelled invaders. His mistake was failing to listen to the best legal advice before surrendering to Hollywood the right to film his biography.

Mongolian and Romanian readers must pardon such levity. No better can have been expected of the English, who instead of agonising over the rival merits of William the Conqueror and Henry VIII as models for liberalcapitalist state development, numed them in-

to a book of jokes called 1066 and All That. Unfortunately history as it is being lived in the former communist countries today is no joke. Every traveller to those lands meets some citizens, young or old, who praises Stalin as a "strong ruler" and demands the restoration of some form of Stalinist rule. This is no joke either: it is all too real a threat. Thus the misery of the present gives a golden glow to the miseries of the past. And weak nations tend automatically to worship strong leaders, as if, by act of will, they can make them strong too.

If throughout its history a nation has been ruled by a series of tyrants, and autocracy is the only real political model the country knows, then there is logic in it seeking as its national hero the most famous autocrat, the greatest and the worst. All of these factors will help the ghosts of Lenin and Stalin to go on stalking Russia for a long time to come. Tamerlane died almost six hundred years ago: will Lenin's image last as long as that? And how will he be remembered in the

centuries to come? The answer is of course that Lenin will be buried or revived by the actions of his successors, their success or failure, their benevolence or tyranny. England has turned Henry VIII into a national joke because he was followed by good monarchs, constitutional rule and national prosperity. If since then history had seemed like nothing more than a series of filmscripts entitled "Return of Henry VIII" and "The Revenge of Henry VIII", it too might be debating his importance as a national symbol.

One thing will undermine the memory of Lenin and Stalin whichever way history turns out: bad taste. The stones themselves remember Tamerlane his monuments in Central Asia are still grand and beautiful enough to evoke awe and admiration, as Marlowe's monstrous hero foretold:

Then shall my native city Samarcanda, And crystal waves of fresh Jaertis' stream, The pride and beauty of her princely seat. Be famous through the furthest continents.

By contrast, the ugly, gimcrack monuments of communism are crumbling away even before Leninism is cold in the grave.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Putting British scientists under the election microscope

From Mr Alan Howarth

Sir. Science is one of our great glories in Britain. The achievements of British scientists — whether measured conventionally in terms of publications and citations, or whether judged more qualitatively— are remarkable, particularly by reference to the size of our population and of our economy. One must question therefore why Professor Nurse and other scientists have offered such a gloomy view in your columns (letter, March 23).

While splendidly rigorous in the conduct of scientific research in their own specialist fields, when it comes to lobbying for public resources and political campaigning even the most eminent scientists are liable to be curiously fanciful and melodramatic. Scientists insist that the costs of

their activity must rise faster than general inflation, but a lot of other groups also make that claim, and the envernment has to make judgments about the resources that can be made available from the economy as a whole. In fact the government has allowed a special case for science. Although our economic strategy has been to increase the proportion of national resources deployed in the private sector, we have always accepted that government has a unique and indispensable responsibility to support basic science.

In the financial year about to start the government's science budget will have increased by 25 per cent above general inflation since 1978-9, and our plans already published show that figure rising to 30 per cent. Britain's public expenditure on civil science as a proportion of GDP exceeds that of the USA and Japan. Our capacity to spend still more will depend on the future performance of the economy, and those who care about the future of science in this country should consider which party in government would be most likely to provide for sustainable economic growth.

The "brain drain" is one of those mappy bits of rhetoric that serve as a substitute for thought. Advanced acience has long been a thoroughly international affair. It is true that in the 1960s there was a worrying exodus from Britain of post-doctoral scientists. But academic protec-tionism will serve us ill and we have no cause for nervous insularity. Every year since 1983 we have seen a net inflow of academics into Britain.

It is excessively self-deprecating for your correspondents to suggest that scientists now working in Britain are some depressed rump. To take a handful of examples, world-class scientific research is being done in British universities — on molecular biology at Oxford, biorganic chemistry at Cambridge, cellular regulation at Dundee, magnetic resonance imaging at Nottingham, parallel computing at Edinburgh, surface chemistry at Liverpool and environ-

A little more pride and generosity in recognising the outstanding achievements of their colleagues might serve your correspondents better in enlisting public enthusiasm for the cause of science.

In Britain we are concentrating resources in centres of excellence as assessed by peer review. Among the universities at which your correspondents are based, the latest Universities Funding Council allocations for research imply an increase for Oxford of 18 per cent, Edinburgh 17 per cent. London 14 per cent. Cambridge 19 per cent, Dundee 12 per cent and Glasgow 14 per cent.

Nuclear accidents

From Commander J. F. Webb RN (retd) ·

Sir, The latest radiation leak in Russia (reports and letter, March 25) helps to point the way ahead for nuclear power generation in Britain which, despite the views of presentday Luddites, holds the best hope of providing civilised levels of life for future generations.

The International Atomic Energy Authority must be accorded safety responsibility and full powers to approve all nuclear power station projects and to inspect and shut down any which are not operated and maintained to a sufficient stan-

Yours faithfully, J. F. WEBB, 21 Fairmile. Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. March 24.

A royal split

Yours faithfully.

From Mr J. A. Walsh

Sir, Ben Macintyre's interesting article (March 20) about the acrimonious divorce of George IV from the famously promiscuous Queen Caroline of Brunswick called to mind the reported graffito of the day, which

O Gracious Queen, we thee implore
To go away and sin no more:
But if the strain should prove too great To go away, at any rate.

J. A. WALSH, 30 Onways Lane, Ashread, Surrey.

From Mr Chris Boylan Sir, What a lot of fuss (letters, March 24). The Church of England was founded in order to facilitate a royal

Yours faithfully, CHRIS BOYLAN. 3 Walden Avenue, Chislehurst, Kent. Uxbridge, Middlesex.

They are not being so badly treated. The Conservative party respects and values British science and a new Conservative government would continue to support science in Britain intelligently and generously.

Yours faithfully. ALAN HOWARTH (Under Secretary of State with responsibility for Science, Department of Education and Science) 3 Trinity Street.

Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire. March 26.

From Professor Lord Beloff, FBA

Sir, As one who has frequently advocated greater financial support for basic scientific research, I am disposed to agree with the plea of Professor Nurse and his co-sig natories. But I know of no reason to assume that a Labour government would prove more forthcoming, while it is clear that Labour's tax plans would lead to a massive acceleration of the "brain drain" which cannot be for the good of

And there is another non-financial aspect of the matter. To have a healthy scientific community we need a succession of students well equipped to enter upon a scientific career. For this end, high standards are required in the schools with particular attention to able boys and zirls who may wish to specialise in

But all the measures taken by the Conservative government to improve education over the past 13 years have been opposed root and branch by both Opposition parties still mired in the shoddy progressivism and egalitarianism of the Shirley Wil-

Of all parts of our society, the academic would have the least to gain and the most to lose from a change of government. Yours truly,

BELOFF. Flat 9, 22 Lewes Crescent, Brighton, East Sussex.

From Mr Christopher McKnight

Sir, The scientists give the game away when they write, "the costs of staying at the frontiers of research rise faster than general inflation". Thus they do not deny that funding has increased in real terms (they cannot); their criticism is rather that the government has not given special privileges to such funding.

In similar fashion those who criticise the government over health and education do not deny that more is being spent on the NHS in real terms than ever before and that in education funding per pupil is higher than it ever has been.

Rather they argue that costs in these areas have risen more than inflation and their complaint is that these areas have not been given special privileges. If everyone makes such claims they can only be satisfied by huge increases in taxation.

Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER McKNIGHT, 17 Sandhurst Drive, Belfast 9.

From Sir Aheyn Williams, FRS, FRSE

Sir, Much as I sympathise with the drift of the letter on election priorities for UK scientists, I am concerned by the way its authors have supported their case with the sort of statistics that normally belong to the hustings. I do not know whether the average

Large salaries

From Mr Bryan P. Wilson

Sir. In my more imaginative mo-ments I believe that the chairmen of privatised industries have been planted by communists in order to ridicule and destroy our capitalist system, such is the extent to which greed has overcome what should have been gratitude to Mrs Thatcher

Explanations given for the salaries of around half a million pounds ("British Gas chief gets 17.6 per cent pay rise", report, March 24) include a reward for responsibility, the need to attract people to such work and to be given the same pay as others in

allegedly similar work.

May I pay tribute to the true industrialists, not operating in monopoly situations. These are heads of companies who cut their salaries in a recession. They have the good sense to lead by example and not by arrogance. Yours faithfully,

BRYAN WILSON. Clarendon, Off West Road, Dibden Purlieu, Southampton, Hampshire.

From Mr S. J. Coomber

Sir, In your Business Comment. "Hot air over pay at British Gas" (March 24) you suggest that the public should compare the pay of British Gas chairman Robert Evans with that of "popular singers".

Surely you are missing the point: popular singers are paid according to what their fans buy, or what their record companies believe they can seil, whereas those people who pay British Gas are presumably "tied" to their gas supplier, have no alternative to choose from and must pay the prices asked by British Gas.

Yours faithfully, S. J. COOMBER. 157 Waterloo Road,

time lag between making a major scientific discovery and being awarded a Nobel prize for it has yet been calculated; but it can hardly be less than ten to 15 years. On that estimate, the dearth of British Nobel prizewinners in 1986-91 has its roots in the health of basic research in the Seventies or earlier.

The main reason for nurturing science and technology throughout the United Kingdom is bread-winning rather than prize-winning. The growth industries of the twenty-first century will be knowledge-based and so automated and capital-intensive that only people trained to the highest standards in job-related and work-specific as well as research-orientated tertiary courses can look forward to a reasonably bright

Voters in the coming election who care about the prospects for their children and grandchildren should hear this in mind. In my opinion. only the Liberal Democrats really address the issue. Faced with the likelihood of a hung parliament, their educational policy should take top priority in any coalition pact. For once, political parties should put the future well-being of these islands above doctrinaire interests.

Yours faithfully, ALWYN WILLIAMS, University of Glasgow. Department of Geology and Applied Geology, Palaeobiology Unit, 8 Lilybank Gardens, Glasgow.

From Mr Madron Seligman, MEP for Sussex West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir. Professor Nurse and his distinguished colleagues pose the right question but draw the wrong conclusions. Conservative policy with regard to expenditure on R&D has long been to encourage meaningful research in collaboration with industry. This country needs practical ideas which can be developed into commercially viable manufactured goods to meet the demand of world

An article by your industrial editor, Philip Bassett, last year (May 21) showed that the Japanese government spends a lot less than the British government as a percentage of GDP. In contrast Japanese industry - undeniably successful spends more than any other major industrial power. The UK came third after Germany in this context and ahead of the USA and France.

Long may our scientists continue to spend a few years working abroad. Their counterparts come to work here and the result is a valuable cross-fertilisation of ideas. Yours faithfully,

MADRON SELIGMAN. Micklepage House, Nuthurst. Near Horsham, West Sussex.

From Mr W. H. F. Batstone Sir, I imagine that those who have been bemoaning the underfunding of science and the consequent decline in British achievement will take heart from your report (March 26) of the "almost, but not entirely, useless" discovery of the world's largest known prime number by scientists at Harwell.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM BATSTONE, 5 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4. March 26.

From Vice-Admiral Sir James

Sir. The chairman of British Gas joins the long list of captains of industry who have accepted obscene salary increases while their companies, their work forces, their cus-

tomers and their country face severe

economic difficulties. Once again the same old excuse is trotted out. We are told that unless they are paid these enormous wages, we shall lose them to other jobs. perhaps in other countries. If that really is the case, and personal greed on a massive scale is the underlying and fundamental motivation for these people, then I suggest their departure would be no great loss.

There must be plenty of outstanding business men and women who would be delighted to take their place and lead a major company for half the salary; men and women who also understand that one of the first principles of leadership is "example". Yours faithfully,

JAMES JUNGIUS, Lawithick, Mylor Churchtown, Falmouth, Cornwall.

From Mr M. G. Henley Sir. Would the chairman of British Gas have resigned if the increase had not been awarded? If so, would it have mattered?

Why did he not go to a better position in the "international external market" two years ago when his salary was well under 50 per cent of its present level?

Yours faithfully, M. G. HENLEY, 8 Ham Close, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

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in civil service From the General Secretary of the

'Radical changes'

Association of First Division Civil

Sir, Your leading article, "The servant problem" (March 23), openly applauds the enduring strengths of the British civil service - "its transferable technology" available to any party of government, its apolitical character, and its tradition of the generalist. Sadly, however, you fail to acknowledge the radical changes in the civil service of the last few years.

Since 1989 over half the civil service, more than 250,000 individuals, have transferred into new organisations with new chief executives. What part of the private sector can match that flexibility or that speed of change? What part of the private sector can equal the record of the Inland Revenue in bringing in the largest computer project in-Western Europe on budget and on time? These changes are not "ponderous". They have been swift, radical and efficient.

The civil service may not hire and fire on the open market, but neither do the largest private-sector companies - they grow their own directors and chief executives. The civil service recruits through clear rules of open competition — not through head-hunters or network links, the private-sector methods which have led to so pitifully few women and ethnic minorities in senior positions in the private sector.

It is the government, not the civil service, that has indulged in an "exotic" exercise in attempting to pay civil servants performance-linked pay; but crucially the govern-ment's crude methodology has laid them open to charges of sexual discrimination and possible legal challenge.

Most civil servants welcome the development of agencies, management flexibility, the promotion of those with ability, a freer exchange with the private sector, and improving services to the public. Many would welcome private-sector-style personal contracts — provided sal-aries reflect that change. But as you point out, to attract the right talent. competitive salaries must be offered. Civil servants will await with eagerness a Times editorial after the recommendations of the Top Salaries Review Body later this year.

Yours faithfully. ELIZABETH SYMONS, General Secretary. The Association of First Division Civil Servants, 2 Caxton Street, SW1. March 23.

Aid for Albania

From Sir John Stokes

Sir, I returned from Albania last night, having been leader of the Council of Europe delegation to observe the elections, which we found to be free and fair. I agree with all of Miss Peacock's letter (March 23), but as well as skill-aid what is also needed in Albania is leadership to inspire people to work again after having lost all hope. It is a crisis of morale

We do need a diplomatic presence in Tirana and although the main priority for the Foreign Office is the new countries emerging from the old USSR I have pressed the Foreign Office about this. Yours faithfully, JOHN STOKES.

Thatcher whammy?

Haddenham, Buckinghamshire.

Top Barn, Church End.

From the Director, Alms of Industry Sir, The greatness of Friedrich von Hayek was rightly stressed by your obituary (March 25) and by Lord Joseph (article) and Sir Alan Peacock (appreciation). Perhaps I could mention Hayek's attitude to Mrs Thatcher.

When we were arranging for him to receive an international free enterprise award from Mrs Thatcher. Professor Hayek wrote to me: Tell Mrs Thatcher that she is not a Conservative but a Whig." I obliged.
"Tell Professor Hayek", wrote Mrs Thatcher, "that I am a Conservative and a Whigh.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL IVENS, Director, Aims of Industry. 40 Doughty Street, WC1. March 25.

Dressing up

From Mrs Jane Steel-Jessop Sir. Paul Heiney's remarks on farmers' clothing ("Dress for victory to win the nation's sympathy vote". March 21) prompt me to tell you that when I was evacuated early in the second world war with my three children to Bedfordshire, I was digging for victory in my cottage garden with a very old inhabitant

leaning on the gate.

A shiny new black Jaguar (a rarity then) came past slowly, the driver clad in smart Harris tweed. He smiled and waved a regal hand.

"Cor, look at of Sid", remarked my friend. "Afore the war 'e 'ad a rusty ol' bike wi' no brakes and the arse outa his trousis." Yours sincerely.

J. STEEL-JESSOP. 13 Smiths Crescent, Kessingland, Suffolk. March 22.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 26: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham

Palace this morning.

Miss Elizabeth Pearce was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested her with the Insignia of a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Queen this evening attended a Reception at Claridge's hotel, Brook Street, London WI to mark the Centenary of the Association of Lancastrians in London, and was received by the President of the Association (Sir William Barlow) and the General Manager of Claridge's Hotel (Mr R. Jones). The Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Robin Janviln and Lieutenant-

Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 26: The Prince Edward,
Chairman, The Duke of
Edinburgh's Award Special
Projects Group, this evening
attended a Reception and Dinner
at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, given by the Savoy Group of Hotels and Restaurants in aid of

Hotels and Restaurants in aid of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughin, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Today's royal Canada-UK Chamber of engagements

Prince Edward will attend a gaia performance of the Avon Schools dance production Stages 92 at 7.00 at the Bristol Hippodrome. The Duchess of Kent, patron, will visit The Chiltern Society. Buckinghamshire, at 3.00. Service dinners

Rear-Admiral D.K. Bawtree, Flag

Officer Porismouth, was the guest of honour at a mess guest night dinner held last night at the Royal Naval College Greenwich. Com-mander E.F.M. Searle, Commander of the College, presided.

Royal Artillery _ General Sir Martin Farndale, Master Gunner, St James's Park, presided at a Royal Artillery dinner held last night at their headquarters in Woolwich. The

The Australian High Commissioner and Mrs Smith, the High Commissioner for Malan and Mrs Steitini, Str Denis Thuscher, Ols. Mr. And Mrs Assirtini, Str Denis Thuscher, Ols. Mr. And Case rearries Str Patrick and Lady Hine, the Editor of rand Mrs C J A Hammerbeck, Srigndler and Mrs F A J Cordingley and the Master of Dulwich College and Mrs

Shrewsbury

Drapers' Company inted officers of the Shrewsbury Drapers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, District Judge A.K. Freeman; Senior Warden, Dr Patrick Anderson: Junior Warden, Mr John Patrick.

CLARENCE HOUSE

Mrs Richard Warburton was in

March 26: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception at St James's Palace given to mark the 70th anniversary of the Greater London Fund for the Blind. Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Sir Martin Gillist

KENSINGTON PALACE March 26: The Prince of Wales, President. The Prince's Trust.
visited the Work, Sport and
Leisure seminar week at the
Haven Warner Holiday Centre. Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.
Mr Hugh Merrill was in

His Royal Highness departed from Norwich Airport this afternoon for a visit to Italy. Mr Peter Westmacott and Mr Richard Arbiter were in atten-

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

March 26: The Duchess of Kent this afternoon visited the Royal Army Chaplain's Department Centre and was received by Colonel James Malcolm (Deputy Licutenant of Surrey).

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in

Luncheons

Commerce
Mr Gijs M. de Vries, Chairman of
the European Parliament's
delegation for relations with Canada, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at the London Marriott hotel. Mr lain Hope, president of the cham-ber, was in the chair. The Ca-nadian High Commissioner and HM High Commissioner to Can-ada were among those present.

High Sheriff of Greater Manchester Major David Wilson, High Sher-iff of Greater Manchester, and Mrs Wilson were hosts yesterday at a luncheon held in the Crown Courts, Manchester. present were

The Bon Mr Justice McKinnon, the Hon Mr Justice Donglas Brown, the Hon Mr Justice Donglas Brown, the Hon Mr Justice Mannell, Mr San Ardint, Mr Regier Broadnest, Mrs Sandra Busslem, Dr Patrick Greene, Mr John Kennedy, Mr Authory Lon, Mr Robert Mather, Mr Geoffrey Piper, Mrs Chrolline Suproloft, 4th Stuart Britisson and Mr Prank Smith.

National Sporting Club
Mr Dan Maskell was the guest of
honour and speaker at a luncheon
of the National Sporting Club
held yesterday at the Cafe Royal
Mr Bob Willis, chairman,
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Park Tower Luncheon Club
The Park Tower Luncheon Club held a luncheon yesterday in Restaurant 101 Knightsbridge at the Sheraton Park Tower, Miss Converse Sullings Public Relathe guests were Fiona Fullerton, Mike Carlton, Anne Naylor, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Rogers. Michelle Deverall and John Griffuhs.



George Cole, the actor, shows off his OBE presented at Buckingham Palace yesterday. Others receiving honours included Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, the operatic soprano, who became a Dame Commander of the British Empire

Dinners

The Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple last night entertained the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of

The American Ambassador was The American Ambassador was the guest speaker at a dinner of the European-Atlantic Group held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, a joint chairman, presided. The Ambassadors of Luxembourg, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Hungary and China and other members of the Diplomatic Coms were among those present. Corps were among those present.

Reception

and Patron of the Association of Lancastrians in London, was re-ceived by Sir William Barlow,

Church news

The Rev John Andrews, Can-didates Secretary to London City Mission (Southwark): to be Rec-tor, Kingham and Churchill w Saraden and Daylesford (Oxford). The Rt Rev Godfrey Ashby. Assistant Bishop of Leicester: also to have pastoral responsibility, as Priest-in-charge (part-time), for the parish of Newtown Linford (Leicester) when he period.

and The Sallings (Chelmsford), he Rev Canon George Barriett, Priest-in-charge, Panfield and The Sallings: to he Priest-in-charge, Panfield and Rayne, as from 21 June (Chelmsford). The Rev William Bazely, Team Vicar, Netherthorpe (Sheffield): to be Chaplain to Tooting Bec Hospital (Southwark). The Rev Stephen Brown, Vicar.

The Rev Stephen Brown, Vicar. Ministry: to be Officer for Local Ministry, and Priest-in-charge, Ripley w Burnt Yates (Ripon). The Rev Nicholas Calver, Curate, president, at a reception held yesterday at Claridge's hotel to mark the association's centenary.

The Rev Nicholas Calver, Curate, Christ Church and St. Paul's, Forest Hill: to be Priest-in-charge,

St. Edward's, Mottingham (Southwark).

The Rev Mark Cannon, Diocesan Youth Officer, and part-time Ca-rate, St. John w St James, and St Hugh, Baildon (Bradford): to be Priest-in-charge, Coniston and Torver (Carlisle).

The Rev David Cant, Curate, Newburn, Newcastle upon Tyne-to be Assistant Curate, North Shields Team Ministry (New-

The Rev Kesser Carnuthers, Se-nior Chapisin, Royal Army Chap-lains Department: to be Rector, West Tanfield and Well w Snape

The Rev John Cleaver, RB Adviser, London Diocesan Board for Schools: to be Vicar, St Mary and St Alban, Teddington (London). The Rev Ian Colson, Assistant Curate, Nunthorpe: to be Assis-tant Curate, Thomaby-on-Tees

The Rev Mary Dicker, Paris Deacon, St John the Baptist, Irlam: to be Parish Deacon, Christ Church, Ashton-under-Lyme (Manchester).

Birthdays today

Mr Julian Amery, MP, 73; Mr D.R.G. Andrews, former chair-D.R.G. Andrews, iorner chairman, Land Rover-Leyland, 59;
Mrs Mary Armour, artist, 90;
Miss Ruth Ashton, general-secretary, Royal College of Midwives,
53; Mr R.P. Bauman, chief executive, SmithKline Beecham
Group, 61; Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, former chairman, Press Council, 66; Mr Kim Brassey, racehorse trainer, 37; Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, 80; Mr R.P. Cohan, choreographer, 67; Miss Maria Ewing, opera singer, 42; Lord Fanshawe of Richmond, 65; Mr Julian Glover. actor, 57; Sir David Hancock, civil servant, 58; Mr Victor Hochhauser, impresario, 69; Lord Lyell, 53; Mr J.G. Parker, vice-chairman, Headmasters' Conference and high master, Manchester Grammar School, 59; Lord Phumb, 67; Mr Mstislav Rostropovich, cellist and conduc-tor, 65: Sir Richard Sharp, civil servant, 77: Admiral Sir Jock Slater, 54; Professor Margaret Stacey, sociologist, 70; Mr Gary Stevens, footballer, 29; the Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, 57; Mr Frank Taylor, chief constable, Durham, 59; Mr Cyrus Vance, American politician, 75; Mr Michael York, actor, 50.

Marriage

Mr G.N. Marchak
and Miss J.H. Couway
The marriage took place on
Friday, March 20, on Aspen
Mountain, Colorado, between
Glenn, only son of Mr and Mrs
Nicholas Marchak, of Greenwich, Connecticut, and Jil, only
daughter of the late Mr Norman
Conway, of Donegore, Co Anrim. The Rev Edgil Pyles officiand at the ceremony. ated at the ceremon

aned at the ceremony.

The bride was given in mar-riage by Ms Kane Gibbons.
Receptions will be held in Ireland. and in the United States. The honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Alfred de Vigny, poet, Locher, France, 1797; Baron George Eugene Haussmann, architect, Paris, 1809; Sir Fredarchitect, Paris, 1809; Sir Fred-erick Henry Royce, car manufac-nurer, Alwalton, Humis, 1863; Wilhelm Conrad von Ronigen, physicist, Nobel laureate 1901, Lennep, Germany, 1845; Hein-rich Mann, novelist, Lubeck, Ger-many, 1871; Ludwig Mies van der Robe, architect, Aachen, 1886.

DEATHS: James VI of Scotland DEATHS: James VI of Scotland (from 1567) and James I of England, reigned 1603-25, Theobalds, Herts, 1625; Giovanni Tiepolo, painter, Madrid, 1770; Sir George Gilbert Scott, architect. (Albert memorial, St Pancras hotel), London, 1878; John Bright, politician, Rochdale, 1889; Sir James Dewar, physicist, London, 1923; Arnold Bennett, novelist, London, 1931; Michael Joseph Savage, prime minister of Joseph Savage, prime minister of New Zealand 1935-40. Welling-ton, NZ, 1940; Yuri Gagarin. ion, NZ, 1940; Your Gagarin, first cosmonaut to orbit the earth (1961), killed in an air-crash, Moscow, 1968; Sir Arthur Bliss, composer, Master of the Queen's Music 1953-75, London, 1975.

Lady Birley

There will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Elinor Margaret Birley in Eton College Chapel on Friday, May 8, at 5.15pm.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. Chawle and Mrs C.I. Southard The muriage will take place at 1.30pm on March 28, at St Mary the Virgin, Twickenham, between David, eldest son of Margaret and Mohan Chawla, of Lisbon wenue, Twickenham, and

hristine, third daughter of Ann and Gerald Southard, of Sandy Lane, Petersham. Mr R.J. Clarke

The engagement is announced between Rupert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.W. Clarke, of Trebethrick, North Cornwall, and Sara, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs B.H. Banister, of Osbaideston, Lancashire.

and Miss S.M. Banister

and Miss G.T. Evans The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs Glen Coats, of Adelaide, Australia, and Gillian, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Evans, of

Mr J.K.W. Darby and Miss V.C.F. Chadley

The engagement is announced between Keith, son of Mr and Mrs John Darby, of Highfield Furm, South Kilworth, Leaguer shire, and Victoria, daughter of Mr Michael Chudley and the late Mrs Diana Chudley, of Barnfield Top, Creaton, Northampton.

Mr T.B. Dann and Min 2.P. Eddleson The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of the late Mr Philip Dunn and of Mrs Anne Dunn, of Watlington, Oxford-shire, and Zoe, daughter of Mr David Eddleston, of West Kensington, and Mrs Richard Bishop, of Streatley, Berkshire.

The Hoz P.C.W. Howard and Mrs E. Hardines
The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of the Earl and Countess of Carlisle,

and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Moore. Mr J.D. Hutson and Miss N.H.C. Reinard

and Miss N.H.C. Reinard
The engagement is announced
between John David, son of Edie
Huison, of Sheffield, South
Yorkshire, and Nienke Heleen
Charlotte, daughter of Niek
Ruinard and Mr and Mrs A.
Seesen Hudland of California Steven Hadland, of California

The engagement is announced between Alan Jones, of Harold Wood, Essex, and Susan Jarvis, of

Wickham Market, Suffolk.

Dr S.W. McKay and Mint L. Williams The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs R.N. McKay, of Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, and Julie. daughter of Mr and Mrs LD.G. Williams, of West Hill, Devon.

Mr A.G. Perrett and Miss S.E.D. Clement The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs David Perrett, of Little Kingshill, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Clement, of Morningside,

Mr E.S. Rendall and The Hon Sarah

Sackville-West The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Rendall, of Burford, Oxfordshire, and Sarah, daughter of Lord Sackville and the late Lady Sackville, of Knole,

Mr T.C.G. Tether

and Miss E.J. Tyson The engagement is announced between Trystan, son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Tether, of Worplesdon, Surrey, and Jane, younger daughter of Mrs Margaret Tyson and the late Reginald Tyson, of Hawhorn, Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan.

Captain E.C. Ugwnzor. RAOC and Miss S.P. Winter

The engagement is announced between Eze, fourth son of Lieutenant Colonel Ugwizzer, retd. and Mrs Ugwizzer, of Lagos, Nigeria, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Wirter, of Kensington,

Mt M.B.B. Wood and Miss A.V.J. Elect

The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of Mr J.B. Wood, of Ramsey, Cambridgeshire, and Mrs C.R. Howard, of Oxted, Surrey, and Annabet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeffrey Eker, of High Halden, Kent.

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Mrs Lucy Irene Beryl Griffith, of Mr George Peter Bossell, of Mr Alan Eric Lenton, of East Kingswood, Surrey....... £915,273. Kirkby, Lincolnshire £753,836. Mrs Graziella Margherita Isalina Mrs Norah Barbara St Pier, of Calderan, of Ealing, west London E542,957. Mr John Herbert Hazel Trolloge of Weymouth, Dorset E612,219.

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PREMEN - On March 21st. at Queen Charlotte's. Hammersmith, lo Pippa inée Lathams and Fablan, a som and Iwo daughters, Hugo. Oits la and Rosle. GELIOT - On March 26th. at Nepsan Hospital. Sydney. ICTV is itseed and Martin. a son, Lewis Martin PATERAS - On March 25rd at the Humans Hospital Wellington, to Harry and kalitopi, a daughter. Sophia. KEANE - On March 26th at KE

ASKWITH On Tuesday
March 24th, peacefully in St
Andrew's Hospital, Bestrice
Mary, aged 92 years,
formerly the Principal's
Servetary at Westcoil House
Funeral Service of Gt St
Mary's Church, Cambridge,
on Monday March 30th at
2,15 pm. No flowers, donations if desired for Camilao Council
for Ageing may be sent to
Harry Williams and Soms, 7
Victoria Park, Cambridge SOLINGEROKE - On Namely March 23rd, peacefully after MARCH 25rd, peacefully after a long and very contrageous fight against lesisseenia, peter Much (o. ed. hasband to Valerie and fether to mitcheel and Kerin. Funeral at 2 pm. Monday March 30th. 4l Entisterty. near Dublin Family flowers unty, but donations pieces to Leukaemia Research Fund. 43 Greet Ormand Street. Landon WCI. KERR-SMILEY - On March

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INENNAN - On March 22nd
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liness borne with great
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los ed husband of Holly and
tapter of Laura, Caristy and
Lewis Funeral Service at St
Peter's. De Beaun or Road,
N1. at 1.49 pm Wednesday
April 1st Burial at City of
London Cemelery, E12
Memorial Service at St
Brides, Fleet Street, EC4 on
Wednesday May 13th at
noon. Fenella Aike
McKAY - On March 21st, at
Queen Mary's Hospital,
Roetsampion to Amara Jane
mée Clarkel and Duncan
Robert, a daughter,
Sebastieune Amorelle.

MINSHALL On March 22nd at 8 M H Rintein, to Clare mée Hollingworthi and Luke, a son, Alexander Charles Meelin. CIRCUREL - On March 28th 1992. Iris, widow of Salamon (Octo) and beloved mother of Katta, much loved sister of Circly and Rosalle (Lely) Funeral at Edgewarebury Lane. Edgeware. On Friday March 27th at 2 pm.

ORDIWAY - On March 22nd, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Cathy Ince Catanzarol and Lester, a son. William Vernon.

ROGERSON - On March 17th to Selina and Keith, a daughter. Sorcha Pascaise Scott. a sister for Thea RYAR - On March 24th at S daughier. Calherine Slobhan A beautiful grand-child for Mr and Mrs C E B

CREGAR - On March 25th 1992. Siella, peacefully at home Aged 97, wife of the lafe Dr. G.T. Cream, adored mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Funeral Service at All Saints Church. Beichamp Otten at 12 moon on Monday March 30th.

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WALLACE - On March 13th, to Katharine inte Spittley and Rupert. a son. Simon. a brother for William and Sarah.

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ASRWITH - On Tueeday March 24th, peacefully in St Andrew's Hospital. Beatrice Mary. aged 92 years. formerly the Principal's Service at G. St Mary's Church. Cambridge, on Monday March 30th et 2.15 pm. No flowers, donations if desired for Cawlad or Cambridge Christian Council FOOTE - On March 24th

(tel: 0908-642700).

FOOTE - On March 24th
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after a short filness, Elleen
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by family and friends.
Sers ke of Thanksgiling at
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GRUIGH - On March 36th

Roon on Saturday May 16th
HARE - On March 25th 1992
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and Caroline. daughter of
Elleen Hare. aunt of Paula
and Max Wife of Jorge and
friend of so many. Funeral.
Tuesday March 31sg. 4 pm.
Moritalité Crematorium and
afferwards at Thames
Rowing Club, Putrey.
Donations to Marte Curte.
Memorial Foundation and
Marmillan Nursing Appeal
HOPPER - On March 16th.

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GOUGH - On March 26th
1992, peacefully at Priory
Paddocis Nursing Home,
Darsham, Maureen (née
Ramsden-Knorwies) of
Manila. London and
Aldeburgh Mother of
Alexandra, Funeral Service
at Cabalis Church,
Aldeburgh, at 10 am on
Tuesday March 31st, foilowed by private cremation.
Flowers if destreed to Tony
Browns Funeral Partour.
Saxmundham, Seffolk.

GUNNEMIG - On March 21st.

Macmillan Nursing Appeal
MOPPER - On March 16th.
Joy Mary, In Port Elizabeth,
after a long lilness. Widow of
Major John O. Hosper
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Daughter of the tale Major
General Harry and Joan
Williams Mother of Mary
Jane Blackman, Methourne.
Much loved sister of Helen
Williams Enquiries to
Kellaways Funeral Service,
10811 693-2898.

MANCHERTHE - On March 260s, in The Bienstern Nursing Home, Sheffleld, Will, sped 92 years, the dearly loved husband of Cafa. Service and cremation at Huicitife Wood Crematorium, Sheffleld, on Wednesday April 1st at 11.30am. Family flowers only ploase but donations in lieu for The Royal Sheffleld inactuse of the Bilind, c/o G & M. Last. 36 Abbay Lane, Sheffleld 38 OCB.

MARSON - On Tuesday
Marth 24th 1992, peacefully
in hur sleep at Marygold,
Aldeburgh, Louise Jon
Stephen, aged 86 years,
vidow of Air Vice-Marshal
John Marson CB. CBE. Much
loved 100ther of Richard and
Michael and grandmother of
Rebeccu, Alexander, Ouy
and Piers, Private cremution
with Eamily Rowers only.
Thankspiving Service to be
arranged. Any donations is
memory to The Aldeburgh
Cottage Hospital, Suffolk.

MeCULLOCH - On March 25th, suddenly at home, Patricta Maragaret, beloved wife of Datid and mother of Adrian. Private cremation Salisbury. followed by Service of Thanksgiving St. Mary's Church. Shrewton. 2.30 pm Thursday April 2nd. Piesse, no letters Family flowers only

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ELECTRICITY & PIPE-LINE WORKS (ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS) REGULATIONS 1990 APPLICATION FOR PIPE-LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORISATION CONOCO (UK) LIMITED - PROPOSED CMS TRUNKLINE - THEODLETHORPE LINCOLNSHIRE- 26 INCH NATURAL GAS (WET) & 4 INCH METHANOL CROSS - COMNTINY PUPE-LINES

The proposed star-lines, which are to be for the conveyance of Natural Gas (web) 26 lack and McDanol 4 lach, are to run between the hissa Low Water Mark at Theidietherpe and the Viking Clin Terminal. Theidietherpe.

Smit Lindsey District Council, Tedder Hall, Manby Park, Louis, Lincolnabire, LN11 SUP A copy of the Environmental Statement may be obtained from:

Conoco (URC) Limited, CMS Development Project, St Georges House, 5 St Georges Road, Windstedon, London SW19 4DG

Objections to this systication should be reade in writing, setting out the grounds of struction and bearing the reference PX 75/705/12 and should be sent to the Secretary of State for Every at 1 Paince Street, London SW12 SME (translate PAO Mr G R T Cobb. Place) then Planning Group) so arrive not later than Thursday the 30th day of April 1992. Conoco (UIO Limited Park House 116 Park Street London WIY 4989 Mr D 1. Cottins Secretary

Answers from page 18

CHEWINK (c) A North American bird, Pipile crythrophthalmus, also called Ground-robin and Red-cyed towhee, imitative of its note: "From 'neath the arching barberry-stems/My footstep scarce the shy chewisk."

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BAIAH FISH

ANDREW - On March 15th in Berlin, to Wendy and Robert, a daughter, Daily Victoria.

APLIN - On March 21st, in Juneau and Peter, a son, Oliver d'Auvergne, a brother for Sophie Victoria, and Peter and Richard, a son, James.

LILIBAM - On March 22nd, et Pernbury, to Marian and Richard, a son, James.

CAMPBELL - HARRIS - On March 25th 1922, at Sir Stanley Clayton Ward of Queen Charlotte Hospital, London, he Aysha and Reza, a daughter Sabrina, granddaughter to Hospital, London, he Aysha and Reza, a daughter Sabrina, granddaughter to Falsel and Marian Suffainment Substruction of Charlest Browers please, donations it desired to Lancaster, Preston irretand Browers Priory Church for The Funeral and Suffainment Directors, Engulatives, Preston irretand Browers 200 Queen Sherin Mohammed

MALLACE On March 13th.

DARLINGTON - On March Solin. In Solin March 25th. In Solin

Richard, a son, James,
CAMPBELL-HARRIS - On
March 24th, to Clina and
Edward, a daughter Coorde,
a sister for Steven.
ELLIS-WEIR - On March
26th, to Anna and Jame, a
lovely haby son.
FARRELL - On Friday March
20th 1992, at 81 Thomas* 20th 1992, at St Thomas' Hospital, London, to Jo and Gerry, a son. PRENCH - On March 21st. at

Humana Hospital Wellington, to David and Susan, a daughter, Charlotte Victoria Meldrum MAUDSLAY - On March 23rd. et Queen Charlotte's. To Alex mee Lothlant and John. yet another daughter. Fenella Alice

Charles Merlin.
MONTON - On Sunday
Marrh 22nd, to Jeanne mée
Robinson: and Nigel, a son,
James Robert and a
daughier. Emma Charlotle ORDIWAY - On March 22nd

on Monday March 30th.

CLIRLIFFE - On March 25th
1992. David Foster Cunliffe
MC TD, of Ashtead Surrey
Dear husband of Atleen and
proud father of five som.
Private cremation family
only) No flowers Donations
to Victoria House, Horse for
the Disabled. Epont Road,
Leatherhead. Thanksgiving
Service on Saturday May 9th
at 10 30 at St Glies Partsh
Church, Ashtead Discare of Pilley, Hampshire and Mr Thomas J Ryan of Tuckshoe, New York SALEM - On March 23rd, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Theresa and Emile, a daughter, Tamara TAYLOR - On March 9th, to Maggle mee Kischi and Lee, a beganiful daughter. Chioe

Sakmundham, Seffolk.

GUNNING - On March 21st

1992 Lilium, younger
daughter of the late General
Orlando and Mrs Gunning,
sister of the late Str Peter
Gunning and of Mrs
Thursfield of Propie, Alion,
Hants Service of Thanksgivting will be held at St Gross
Church, Winchester, at 12
noon on Saturday May 16th
MARE - On Misch May 16th

RICHARDSON - On Marth 24th 1992. Nancy Sarsh, peacefully at home. Funeral Service at Si Mary of Bethany. Woking, Wednes-day April 1st at 3 15 pm.

RIEICIE - On March 17th
1992, in Tunbridge Wells.

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Arthwr, speed 90 Betoved
and devoted husband of
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MD.FRCS) after 55 years
topether. Will be greatly
missed. The funeral has
laten place.

HORENTSON - On Sunday
March | 22nd | at a clinic fin
Malama after a long bliness,
John Ross, aged 67 years,
much lover husband of
Hedda and father of
Jonathan and | Amanda,
Memorial Selvice April 29th
Si Brides, Fleet Street, 1908

SPINNEY - On March 26th.
Deacefully Jah Amersham
General Hospital. George.
husband of Katharine and
father of Ronald. Emma and
fether of Ronald.

Cental 10.30 am Family
flowers anly. donations if
wished to 'The League of
Friends' 16/0 H.J. & A
Wright List. 100 High Street,
Great Missenden. Bucks
HP16 GBE.

The Rev Michael Arkinson, Vicar, Chelmsford, All Saints to be Priest-in-charge, The Bardfields and The Sailings (Chelmsford).

Team Ministry (York).

mother of Harries and Angus and sister of Parmela Cremation at Chichester Crematorium on Tuesday March 31st at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. donations if wished to "Breakthrough Bresst Cancer may be seen of 6 / 6 / 8. Holland & Son. 3 Judies Road. Cricchester. Services Learner D. HAPPYBASS LIMITED PROMERLY BRISTOW DESCH. Services Research Control of 1 Property Bristory Control of 1 Property Bristory

PIPE-LINE ACT 1962

Conoco (URQ Limited bereby gives notice, in accordance with the previous of part 1 of expenses 2 in the Pipe-lines Act 1962 and the regulation 7(3) of the Electricity and Pipe-time Works (Assessment, of Environmental Efficient Peoplations 1990, Natl an application tens lees made to the Secretary of State for Energy for the great of

A copy of the map, on which the proposed numb of the pipe-lines is delimated and which will run limits of deviation of 200 metres on either side and the Euroromantial Statement which accuraceated the application) can be imprecised during normal office hours in Room S.M.J. Department of Ebergy, 1 Palaco Stroet, London White Scholes and at the collois of the following local suthersky:

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(c) A simple apparatus for grinding corn or spices, sensily consisting of two circular stones, the upper of which is turned by hand, so squeezing the spice between the upper and nether grinding-stone, from the Old English cueors: "Two women generally worked the quern, one sitting facing the other, the quern between them."

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OBITUARIES

HAROLD PROBYN

Air Commodore Harold
Daddy" Probyn, CV, CBE,
DSO, Commandant of RAF Cranwell during the last war, died in hospital in Kenya on March 24 aged 100. He was born on De-cember 8, 1891.

IT WAS while "Daddy" Probyn was Commandant at Cranwell that the Gloster-Whittle E28/39, Sir Frank Whittle's famous jet aircraft, made its first proper flight. It took the air on the evening of May 15, 1941, to the astonishment of all who saw it. Most of those spectators had no idea of what was being assembled in a fairly remote hangar on the RAF station. The appearance of the short, stubby machine at the end of a day's flying created a very considerable stir. This new structure which took off into the air had no propeller like any proper aircraft and its engine made an extraordinary sound: the sound of a

Harold Melsome Probyn made a move in the first world war that was to affect the rest of his career. He was seconded in 1915 from the Royal Warwickshire Regiment to the Royal Flying Corps. Life above the ground suited him and two years later he won a DSO for conspicuous gallantry in France. which recognised the work he had done reconnoitering behind enemy lines. Aerial photography was an interest to remain with him. He was also

mentioned in despatches. In between the wars he continued to be involved in air photography, was Senior Engineer Staff Officer, Middle East, and served at No 12

Fighter Group, RAF Hucknall in 1939-40 he was Senior Air Staff Officer at the famous No 11 Fighter Group, At Cranwell "Daddy" Probyn had much to do with the training of Czech and Polish airmen who had manged to fice their countries

after the German invasion.

Probyn, though a firm disciplinarian, was not one to ride around sealed up in a staff car. He liked to see for himself and went about the station on a tall bicycle. Even mounted thus he expected and got - a salute, which he returned with alacrity. The offensive spirit burned fierce ly in him. He might have been too old to fly operationally during the war - hence his nickname - but Cranwell legend has it that he had access to a fighter sircraft and on one occasion used it to chase some German bombers who had presumed to fly too close to "his" aerodrome. True or not, the tale was much in character. Certainly to celebrate his retirement in the summer of 1944 he got

over Normandy. Probyn retired to Nyeri in Kenya, where he started building his own aircraft, on one occasion borrowing the engine from his wife's Volkswagen. He refused to ac-knowledge that there came age when flying should be no more. He was seen in a television newsreel marking his ninetieth birthday by taking a trip in a small aircraft he had built himself. Naturally, he

hold of a Spitfire and flew it

was the pilot and, equally naturally, he flew solo. He married in 1920 Marjorie, daughter of F. E. Savory. She died in 1961.

ISAIAH TISHBY

Professor Isaiah Tishbi, religious scholar and author of books on Jewish mysticism and messianism, died in Jerusalem on March 15 aged 83. He was born in Hungary in 1909.

ISAIAH Tishbi won acclaim for taking mystic medieval Jewish texts and interpreting them in a manner more easily comprehensible to modern man. A student of the foremost scholar in this field, the late Professor Gershom Scholem, Tishbi was widelyrecognised as his successor and the leading academic figure in research into the Cab-

pala and Hassidism. Two major trends have characterised Jewish religious thought throughout the has been rationalism, as represented by the larger part of the Talmud and the commentary writings accompanying it. But there have also been adherents of mysticism seeking a path to knowledge through writings such as the Sefer Yetsira (the book of creation) the Bahir (brilliance) and the Zohar (splen-dor) which form the Cabbala.

Cabbalists have sought to understand God, the mysteries of the universe and the role of man in the divine scheme of things by seeking to unlock what they believed to be "the hidden wisdom" in biblical texts. The very letters of the Hebrew alphabet, they be-lieved, had numerical and magic powers which would work wonders if correctly combined into various words and cyphers and particularly

into spelling out the true name of God. Their fantasies and philosophies date back to ancient times, but became especially



attractive to the impoverished and persecuted Jewish communities in the middle-ages. The Cabbalists ultimately yearned to see the hastening of the messiah and the redemption of the Jewish people - but were drawn into paths of mysticism and superstitution which only contributed to paving the way for a string of charismatic but

false messiahs. The most infamous of these was Shabtai Zvi who in the middle of the seventeenth century attracted a following of thousands, toured the courts of Europe, was even received by the Pope in Rome...then converted to Islam after being imprisoned

Berthall and

by the Turks. This betrayal of belief caused such shock and disallusionment among the Jewish masses that future selfstyled messiahs were never able to gain any widespread following.

In the early eighteenth century however the Cabbalists were to produce yet another important religious mystic — Israel Ben Eliezer — born in Eastern Europe. The 'Baal Shem Toy, or Master of the Good Name as he became known, was the founder of Hassidism — a religious movement which countered the confining and formalised religious practice of the time

with a more open and joyful approach to Judaism. It is a movement which continues to attract tens of thousands of which only recently saw the Hassidic followers of the famed Lubavitch Rabbi of New York urging Jews in Israel to "prepare for the coming of the messiah".

Tishbi's greatness lay in his ability to research the writings and medieval texts on these subjects and then to interpret and present them to modern students in a language they could easily

understand. Isaiah Tishbi was born in Hungary and arrived in Palestine in 1933. He began studying at the Hebrew University the following year while completing his necessary high school qualifications at the same time. He studied Jewish philosophy, Cabbala Hebrew literature and the Bible and received a PhD in 1943 for his doctoral thesis on the Cabbala.

He excelled in providing intellectual explanations and modern translations of medieval texts in Hebrew and Aramaic, and was the first scholar, in the early 1940s, to edit and publish a work on the writings of the sixteenth century Lurianic Cabbala of

Tishbi was appointed a senior lecturer at the Hebrew University in 1951 and rose to the rank of full professor of Jewish mysticism and ethical literature in 1959. Scholars consider his greatest contri-bution to be his three volume work Mishnat HaZohar The Wisdom of the Zohari which has been translated into English and published by the Littman library of the Oxford University Press. Another outstanding achievement was his almost booklength entry, in the Hebrew Encylopedia, on the major trends of Hassidic

thought. In 1979 Tishbi received the prestigious Israel Prize for Jewish Studies. He was the recipient of many other awards for his research and writings — the last being the Gershom Scholem memorial prize of the Israel National

Academy a month ago. He was a visiting professor at several American universities and a visiting fellow at the Oxford Centre for post-grad-

uate Hebrew studies. Isaiah Tishbi is survived by his wife Esther and two sons. | style of their art and that of

LORD EVANS OF CLAUGHTON

Lord Evans of Claughton, Liberal Democrat spokesman on local gov-ernment and housing in the House of Lords, died on March 22 aged 64. He was born on February 9, 1928.

'GRIFF' Evans was a stabilising force in Liberal politics throughout more than 30 years of constant change. His party's present strength and aspirations may be credited in no small measure to his influence. Evans was the archetypal party manager. He ran John Pardoe's campaign in the mid Seventies in the contest for the party's vacant leadership - chiefly because of Pardoe's deep grass-roots pedigree. But in 1977, as party president, he rallied behind the victorious David Steel and did much to restore unity and morale.

At the same time he neither evaded nor avoided controversy. It was he who, before the 1978 Southport assembly. advised Jeremy Thorpe, then facing criminal charges, not to attend - thereby offending many loyal Liberals. The ousted leader turned up all the same, but Evans was later acknowledged to have been right.

He had never been an admirer of Thorpe's policies. As a young man, at one time president of the Young Liberals. Evans had been a vigorous critic of the leadership. But he was to become its most reliable lieutenant, defending it against left-wing unilateralists.

Evans's strength lay in his pragma-tism and shrewdness. He understood that at local and national levels, a party had to win over the electorate. At the same time, while having little in com-mon with the "woolly-hatted brigade" of the young Liberals, he valued their en-thusiasm and industry and resisted those who wanted to expel them.

He would dearly have loved to be a Liberal MP. Three times he tried, once for his native Birkenhead and twice for Wallesey — where he stood against the Conservative minister Ernest Marples. In the end, like other frustrated leading Liberals, he settled for local government and the Lords.

He relished the rational debating in the latter, which he entered as a life peer in 1978. An articulate lawyer, and by that time extremely well versed in local politics, he proved a formidable opponent of both main parties. Had he belonged to either one of them himself, he would almost certainly have become an MP and won an important position on the front benches.

But Griff Evans's pragmatism was stiffened by principle and he could never have joined another party. He was an offspring of two Welsh Liberal families, though his mother, a graduate of Aberystwyth, was an Asquithian, while his Anglesey father's family backed Lloyd George. Griff could boast that his father

really did know Lloyd George. Evans senior, a builder, had fought as major in the Royal Welch Fusiliers on

the Somme.

Although himself born in Birkenhead.

Arthur Lees, British Ryder

Cup golfer four times be-tween 1947 and 1955,

died in Windsor yestetua

aged 84. He was born in

Sheffield on February 21,

1908.

PROFESSIONAL golf, in-deed the game as a whole, has

lost one of its richest charac-

ters with the death of Arthur

Lees. Lees played in four Ry-

der Cup matches soon after

the war. It was an era when the United States made a

habit of overpowering any

British team, but Lees

emerged with his head high.

He scored four points out of

eight and recorded Britain's

only two victories at

Pinehurst, North Carolina, in

1951. He was twice sixth in

the Open championship, in

1947 and again two years

In 1950 he finished second

to Match-Play champion Dai

Rees in the year's order of merit and in 1956, while

suffering from a sprained left

thumb, he shattered the

course record at Stoneham,

Southampton, with 65 in the southern qualifying section of

the Match-Play champion-

ship, winning the southern professional championship

A burly, free-hitting golfer with an unspectacular meth-

od, typical of a natural player.

Lees believed in maxiumum

results rather than theatrical

showmanship. His successes

were built upon his exception-al ability with his irons and,

on his day, he was a phenom-

enal putter. Lees began his

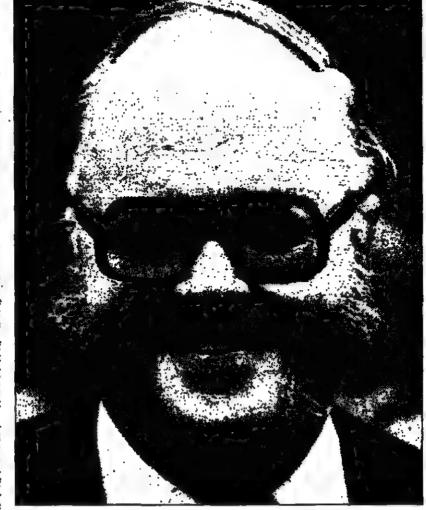
golfing career as a boy caddle at Lees Hall, Sheffield, where.

at the age of 14 in 1923, he

came under the wing of J. H.

Atkinson. He developed rap-

with 135 fro 36 holes.



young Griff was very much a Welshman. He learned to speak Welsh before English as a child and still used it whenever he crossed into Welsh Wales.

He was educated at Birkenhead school, then Friars School, Bangor where he was evacuated during the war and was offered a university place at Oxford. He chose instead, however, to go to Liverpool where he graduated in law and, after two years as an RAF pilot officer, built up a successful solicitor's practice on Merseyside.

Merseyside was to become his Liberal fiefdom, from the day in 1957 when he astounded local Tories by winning a seat on Birkenhead borough council. He remained a member for 17 years, going on to raise the Liberal banner on Wirral borough council (1973-78) and Merseyside county council (1973-81).

Alongside his local government activities, he steadily advanced in the party hierarchy. He was secretary of the Lancashire, Cheshire and Northwest Liberal Federation 1956-60, chairman of the National League of Young Liberals 1960-61, chairman of the party's national executive 1965-68, of the assembly committee 1971-74, the general election committee 1977-79 and Liberal presi-

ARTHUR LEES

dent 1977-78. He acted as a consulting engineer on the forging of the Lib-Lab pact of 1977-78, although his experience of militant socialists in Liverpool. made him more cautious than some of his southern colleagues. He also supported the alliance with David Owen's Social Democrats in 1987, despite his reservations about Owen's abrasiveness.

He was made a deputy lieutenant of Merseyside and a member of the court of Liverpool University while his many other interests included being a director of Granada Television and chairman of Marcher Sound independent radio in North Wales. He was also much in demand on Merseyside as a witty after dinner speaker.

He loved cricket and Welsh rugby but resigned from the presidency of one rugby club in Wales when it accepted an invitation to tour South Africa. On the day before he died he was able to watch Wales on television regain a little of its former glory at Cardiff Arms Park. After his death it was the Welsh dragon which was flying at half-mast on the flagstaff outside his home.

Lord Evans is survived by his wife, Moira, and by their son and three daughters.

stories seemed too tall at the

time his exact repetition of

them down to the last detail.

their authenticity. He seemed

able to recall every golf shot

he had ever played. He was never short of listeners as he

held court in the Sunningdale

club house or out on one of

the two courses.

He was a wily opponent

right up to 1989, when at last

he had to put his clubs away.

Even with a shortened swing

he was something of a wizard around Sunningdale and was

never known to refuse a bet.

A club stalwart remem-

bered yesterday an occasion

when Lees gave a four up

start to Major Dolt-Hender-

son, an American amateur

recently returned from a vic-

tory on the continent. All bet-

ting save for one shrewd

punter was on the American.

APPRECIATIONS

Lt Cdr Peter Kemp

YOUR admirable obituary of Lieutenant Commander Peter Kemp (March 20) refers briefly to his wartime service in the Naval Intelligence Division.

He was, in fact, in charge of W/T Direction Finding in the Operational Intelligence Centre (OIC), an invaluable service, particularly before the Ultra material became available and, later, when it was vital to locate the source of an enemy transmission immediately, before the message could be broken. An outstanding example

was his contribution to the Bismark chase, and on many occasions his D/F plot led to diversions of convoys, enabling them to avoid gathering U-boat Wolf Packs'. On these occasions, of course, he worked in conjunction with Rodger Winn (the late Lord Justice Winn) in the U-boat tracking room — a formida-ble combination! Peter's final contribution to

the OIC was when he gave the address at the memorial service of Vice-Admiral Sir Norman Denning, who, as a Paymaster Lieutenant Commander and Commander had been the founder and mainstay of the O1C, described by Cornelli Barnett in his recent book (Engage the Enemy More Closely) as "the collective brain and



nerve centre of the whole war at sea". An inspired selection. Captain F. V. Harrison.

THE Royal United Service Institute was fortunate in having Peter Kemp, as editor of the RUSI Journal from 1958 to 1968. He brought to this task, as to all his literary work, integrity, style, know-ledge, wisdom, dedication and wit. In making the transition from professional naval officer to professional writer he showed that, without prejudice to his enthusiasm for matters marine, he had a balanced approach to the contribution of all three services in the nation's defence. He set a standard which has been hard to maintain.

Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeock

Prof Derek Lomax

MAY I add to your excellent obituary of Professor Derek Lomax (March 20). Professor Lomax was a valued member of the Confraternity of Saint James, a charity which promotes the pilgrim routes to Santiago de Compostela in north-west Spain, and chaired its research working party at the University of Birmingham for the past four years. His hospitality on these occasions - he personally provided lunch for up to 15 people — his friendliness and quiet humour endeared him to specialist and non-specialist alike. The Confraternity was privileged to publish his paper on the Order of Santiago in 1990 and the address he gave on early English pilgrims to Santiago at its Euro-pean conference held at Hengrave Hall two years ago. Derek Lomax also served as

the British representative on



the Council of Europe's committee of experts on the Camino de Santiago from 1987 until its demise in 1989. The field of pilgrimage studies in this country can ill afford to lose someone of his calibre, but we and colleagues all over Europe will always be grateful for his contributions.

Patricia Quaife

LIVES REMEMBERED

A COLLECTION of 180 obituaries from the 900 or so published on this page during 1991 has been produced in book form, edited by David Heaton and John Higgins, under the title Lives Remembered.

es and peers who tradi pied the obituary columns now mingle with businessmen, TV stars and sportsmen. The infamous may occasionally rub shoulders with the famous - all walks and conditions

of life are represented.

Lives Remembered, fully illustrated and with a foreword
by Lord Annan, is available at £19.95 from the Blewbury Press, 10, Station Road, Panghourne, Berks. RG8 7AN (Tel. 0235 850110. Fax 0734 843336).

the country which he developed has now vanished from the map of Africa — it lives on in his foundation of Oxford scholarships. His grave, hewn in rock in the Matoppos hills, carries the

simple inscription — Rhodes. His last words are said to have been "So little done, so much to do": another version is the prosaic "Turn me over. Jack." RHODES

and Norman Von Nida, the eminent Australian.

by his son.

Lees then played the first nine holes of the Old course in 27 strokes and reached the turn three up. It was a bookies' When Lees joined Sunningdale soon after the war the club was in trouble, seriously short of members, whereupon Lees, a man very

much in the Fred Trueman, A great personality has passed Harvey Smith mould, became a self-appointed recruiting agent. Some of his initiates, were not, perhaps, typical of Sunningdale, as we now know it, but at least they helped the club to recover from the ravages of hostilities. He was much sought after as a coach, especially by good golfers. Those who enlisted his help included Dai Rees

Lees, a widower, is survived

where he was the club profes-

sional from 1949 to 1977.

"Nothing rubbed off on him", said Keith Almond,

Sunningdale's secretary until

last year. "And he was

He underwent an opera-

tion for cancer of the bladder

15 years ago and his life was

in the balance, but an indom-itable will carried him

through and he survived sev-

Lees was an accomplished

raconteur and if some of his

lain of the Yi Period and

honoured for it."

eral later crises.

Godfrey Gompertz, CBE, ceramics collector, died on March 12 aged 88. He was born on March 11, 1904.

GODFREY Gompertz, generally known as "G", was largely responsible for introducing the beauty and quality of Korean ceramics to a West-. ern audience. Known and loved for many years by Japanese scholars and collectors, going back to masters of the

the Korean potter, they had

A connoisseur of the form and "feel" of a pot, Gompertz also met the highest standards of scholarship. Chinese Celadon Ware had been published in 1958 and a new edition came out in 1980.

Celadon Wares in 1968. He also joined with Dr Kim Chewon in 1961 in The Ceramic Art of Korea. Gompertz was born in Calcutta in 1904 of a family that served in India continuously from 1819 to 1946. After Bedford School he went to Sandhurst in 1922, but finding himself un-suited to the military life he joined Asiatic Petroleum and was posted to Japan.From

nation from the Hyun Dae Corp. His CBE came in

Godfrey Gompertz is survived by his two sons.

March 27 ON THIS DAY

Cecil Rhodes (1853-1902). financier, sutesman and imperialist died at Muizenberg, Cape Colony on March 26. His name given to

away. At less than fifty years of age Cecil Rhodes is dead; but in his comparatively short span of life he has brought to a nuccessful into more of active achievement than is often given to octogenarian states-men to accomplish. He has seen, as few men have seen, the fulfilment of his own early dreams. He has carried the British flag over a territory nearly as great in extent as another British India. He has done more than any single contemporary to place before the imagination of his country-men a clear conception of the Imperial destinies of our race: and, with all the faults which cannot be denied, with all the errors which have marred his noblest work, he stands an heroic figure round which the

will cling.

Mr Rhodes has met the fate which attends great empirebuilders; on the one hand they are enhusiastically admired and applauded, on the other they are stones of sumphling. they provoke a degree of repugnance, sometimes of harred, in exact proportion to the size of their achievements. We know how Clive was reviled, and with what persistence Warren Hastings was pursued. We remember how rancorously the memory of Pitt was stracked,

so that neither in the House of Commons nor in the Common Council of the City of London was it agreed, without the bitterest debate, to render him the common posthumous honours which are voted as a matter of course to less excentional statesmen. To be a great man in such conditions as those which surrounded Cool Rhodes is to be certain to arouse passions in friends and opponents which do not quickly subside. Acclaimed by the majority of his countrymen, and by British opinion all over the world, Mr Rhodes was deceased by British opinion all over the world. detested by Boers and pro-

In My Rhodes's career were

strangely mingled the parts of the business man and of the statesman. Diamonds and gold made him, between 1880 gold made him, between 1880 and 1895, a millionaire, but all the time, though he displayed the same qualities in organizing these great new industries as he showed in political combinations, they occupied but the surface of his mind. The inner chambers of his brain were revolving schemes far greater than those for amalgamating diamond mines or taking up "claims" in the goldfields. It was on the north that his eye was fixed; his perpetual meditation was how to extend British power and civilization to the north - to Egypt The date of Majuba was 1881. The shocked and daunted other Englishmen in South Africa aroused Mr Rhodes to action. He feared the tendency of the Transvaal to expand its borders and to effect the limitation of British settlement to the territory hing between the Orange River and the sea. To counteract this tendency was the first step towards realizing his dreams of northern expan-sion. Almost single-handed he fought his fight. He pleaded with the Cape Colony the value of the trade roads. He carried his own operations by means of the British South Africa Company to the Zambesi, and beyond the Zambesi to the Lakes.

GODFREY GOMPERTZ

tea ceremony who saw the sympathy between the simple

only been revealed to the West in some of the work of Honey of the V&A until Gompertz published his Korean Celadon in 1963, and various exhibitions had aroused the interest of the public.

idly and after a seven year

apprenticeship took an ap-

pointment at Marienbad.

Czechoslovakia. From there

he returned to Sheffield and

from the Dore and Totley

club became a golf world

personality. He was a late choice for the 1947 Ryder

Cup team but two years later

was an automatic selection.

Lees's reputation ripened

in later years when his York-

shire accent remained undi-

hared by close proximity to

fashionable Sunningdale,

there he was transferred to Korea, then under Japanese After Konyo Celadon came both Korean Pottery & Porce-

He had bought his first pot in 1940, but the post-war years in Japan gave him the opportunity to begin to build up the collection which he and his late wife, Elizabeth, donated to the Fitzwilliam Museum. This became the centrepiece of the Korean Gallery which was opened in 1990 after a substantial do-

TOBI .

Gadaffi is wriggling and twisting, judges told

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN THE HAGUE

LIBYA was "wriggling, twisting and turning" in its at-tempts to avoid surrendering the men suspected of the Lockerbie bombing or having to face United Nations sanctions, Britain told the International Court of Justice in

The Hague yesterday. Libya asked the 15 judges to issue an order restraining Britain and America from further action in pursuit of the suspects. It says such action breaches the Montreal Convention on air terrorism. Britain's lawyers claimed that the court had no jurisdiction in the Lockerbie case and that Libya was bringing the action to delay a UN resolution authorising sanctions.

Britain, France and the

United States, which want the suspects handed to British or American courts, stepped up their lobbying at the UN yesterday in the hope of pushing through the resolution as early as today. Diplomats said the three powers were focusing on four members of the UN Security Council thought to oppose the planned embargo: China, India. Morocco and Zimbabwe. At least nine votes, with no veto, are needed to pass the measure. The draft resolution calls for a ban on civil air links with Libya, an arms embargo, and reduction of Libya's diplomatic presence

abroad.
Colonel Muammar Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, had
suggested that Tripoli might hand the Lockerbie suspects to the Arab League, but a delegation from the League returned empty-handed from the country this week. Yesterday, diplomats in Tunis said Libya had offered to hand the suspects to the UN for a pre-trial hearing. But Tripoli attached conditions likely to be rejected by the West. Libya's counsel at the hear-

ing, the British international lawyer Professor Ian Brownlie QC. sald that Libya's position on handover had been "misunderstood" and argued that the Montreal Convention protected Libya's right to try the men in its own courts.

QC, the Scottish solicitorgeneral, said that the question of where the Lockerbie

suspects should be tried had nothing to do with the convention. Libya, was "wriggling, twisting and turning." he said. "Libya will say anything, however inconsistent. which will help postpone the day when it will have to accept responsibility for its actions. That, I fear, is the true purpose of this court

hearing."
Mr Rodger said that the three-year investigation into the 270 deaths caused by the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 had been "painstaking, meticulous and cautious". He said that evidence not only connected the two suspects, Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah. with the bombing but identi-fied them as Libyan intelligence officers. In these cir-cumstances, any trial held in Libya could not be impartial.

Earlier, Mohammed al-Faitouri, the Libyan ambassador to Brussels, said his country saw no reason to submit to "illegal and arbitrary blackmail. Libya has no responsibility . . for the hideous crime in which it is alleged to be implicated".

In London yesterday, two police officers arrived at the London bureau of American ABC News and were given video tapes of an interview between the two Lockerbie suspects and Pierre Salinger. ABC's London correspondent. On Wednesday the high court had ruled that the tapes be handed over.

West in dock, page 12



Rodger: "Suspects must be given up"

Solitary man takes on township armour



Plea for peace: a resident of Johannesburg's Alexandra township begging police to leave after they moved in to stop possible clashes between Xhosas and Zulus yesterday. Police said five people had been killed in township violence around Johannes-

homeless black people died after they were doused with petrol and set alight in Pieter-maritzburg, the Natal capital. The police said two men and two women were sleeping

in a storehouse in a park when they were condition is critical. A black man was being questioned. The Independent Human Rights Commission has said that 62 black people died last week in township violence.

which Hernus Kriel, the law and order minister, ascribed to "political position-ing" by black leaders. He gave a warning that the violence, which has seen about 12,000 people killed since 1984, was hold-ing up constitutional negotiations.

Judge sentences Tyson to six years' imprisonment

ing an appeal that could take a year, saying she believed that there was a risk he would

In all, Judge Gifford sen-tenced Tyson to three concurrent ten-year terms for rape and the two other sexual assault charges on which he had been found guilty during a 14-day trial last month. Four of the ten years were suspended, but she also or-dered that after his release Tyson undergo psychotherapy and help at a community-based programme of his

choosing, designed to allevi-ate juvenile delinquency. In the course of a riveting three-hour sentencing session, "Iron Mike" delivered a rambling 12-minute monologue from the witness stand in which he denied rape. claimed that he had been humiliated and vilified, and showed little remorse for what he termed "kind of crass" behaviour. "I am not coming here to beg for mercy

 not at all. Whatever hap-pens, happens," he declared. By contrast, the prosecu-tion read emotive excerpts

from a letter written to the judge by Desiree Washington, the Rhode Island student and Sunday school teacher who was Tyson's victim. She spoke of her daily struggle to recover from the 2am rape in Tyson's hotel bedroom, to learn to trust people again and simply to smile. She called her assailant a "sick

The defence sought to por-tray Tyson as a victim of his deprived background and early celebrity, and begged for rehabilitation not prison. Jeffrey Modisett, the prosecutor, insisted that Tyson had to be treated like any other violent rapist. He condemned the "myth that people with power and money, of whatev-

For his appeal Tyson has hired Alan Dershowitz, the renowned Harvard law pro-

fessor whose other clients have included the playboy Claus Von Bulow, the jailed junkbond dealer Michael Milken and the tax-evading hotel owner Leona Helmsley Mr Dershowitz has filed 11 possible grounds for appeal, including the racial make-up of the jury and the barring of three witnesses questioning Miss Washington's story.

Raised in a New York ghetto. Tyson became the youngest world champion at the age of 20 in 1986 and earned an estimated \$100 million (£58 million) during a seven-year professional career. As his boxing and conduct deteriorated he lost his title in 1990, squandered most of his fortune, legal expenses and a costly divorce settlement. He now faces a possible multi-million dollar damages lawsuit from Miss Washington ally harassed them.

Battle over TV leak Bridge miracle eclipses campaign

What they would be doing

would be closing the total

amount of health care avail-

able in this country and en-

suring that queues in the NHS rise. My job as prime minister is to make sure the

NHS improves, that its treat-ment, free, free at the point of

delivery, continues in the

same way as it has in the past."

However, a special confer-ence of the British Medical

Association in London, made

it clear that many doctors are

still opposed to the changes in

the health service. They veted

by an overwhelming majority

that the health service re-

forms had failed to address

the long-term problem of NHS funding. Speakers said

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could only stare at the cards in disbelief. "I have been playto say they are going to stop all private health care. If this ing bridge for years; I was taught by my father in my mid-twenties," he said. "In all is what they are going to say then let them say it and say it clearly .

Mr Major said such a move would severely limit the overall provision of health care. those years I have only dreamt about turning over the cards and seeing a full set of the same suit."

Albert Dormer, the Times Bridge Correspondent, writes: Reports of "perfect" deals, with a player holding all 13 cards of a suit, occur vastly more often than is war-ranted by the mathematical laws of probability. Improp-erly shuffled cards, or even decks stacked by fixers, may account for the discrepancy.

When cards are random dealt by programmed com-puters, as in championship play, hand patterns tend to conform very closely to math-emarical expectations. The longest suit reported in an official championship was of Il cards; even this was named "the earthquake in

São Paulo". No 12-card suit

has been reported.

that the changes were leading to fragmentation, back-door privatisation and the development of a two-tier service. They had not been properly valuated and were detrimental to health care.

Sir Anthony Grabham, for mer chairman of the BMA council, was one of the fiereest critics of the market-style health service. "These reforms are leading to the disintegration of a unified NHS."

"On every side the conse quent bureaucracy invading the health service is invading the health service like an uncontained virulent virus. They have set doctor against doctor, practice against practice and hospital against

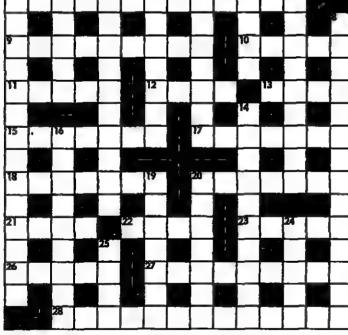
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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,877



ACROSS

1 It probably entails an evening out (3.2.8).

9 Start of play - scenes lacking a militant group (9). 10 Some birds in flight fell - about a quarter (5).

11 Private's not a particularly good shot (5). 12 Animal not missing a trick (4). 13 Fruit that's late, by the sound of it

15 Defensive players for game left out of combined sides (7). 17 It helps to protect position

composer's occupying (7). 18 Managed to get 100 in the partial issue of shares (7). 20 Constable's superior, it's said, as a painter (7).

21 Absorbed by piece of thirt towel 22 House and stable (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,876



23 Animal having sort of bath by the 26 New gadget, in practice, has to operate outside (5).

27 Read some poetry for an Italian 28 For such a person, one can predict upsets (8-5).

Excessive guidance for first group of players (7-7). Former advisory group I want

reconstituted (5). Excitement produced by fellow always on the wicket (5.5). Regarding travel document that's almost duplicated (3-1-3). 5 It's only just, if this criminal gets

a hearing (7). 6 American serving needs way to get point (4). 7 Bullet, see, could be this colour

8 Left-winger's performance added point to big game (14). 14 Much too far beyond the trenches (4,3,3). 16 A gruesome end avoided on continent for this artistocrat? (9).

19 Corruption of vice den made dear (7). 20 Belgian writer's name concealed by patriarch (7). 24 Minimal amount of money put

on 21's horse (5). 25 Necklace in either end of chest

Concise Crossword, page 9 Life & Times section

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard To wink and that up
 Ink number from saily
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protectionist industrial

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From Burger King to

Buckingham Palace,

Booker ensures that plates

are never empty. But the

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eating habits

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Spain is using Expo in

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what it has achieved since

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Rowland personally sets up cash deal with Tripoli state firm

Libya pays £177m for Lonrho hotel stake

ROLAND "Tiny" Rowland, the 74-year-old chief executive of Lonrho, personally negotiated the £177.5 million cash deal with the Libyan Arab Foreign Investment Company (Lafico) that gives Colonel Gadafft's govern-ment a third stake in five British hotels under the Metropole Hotels (Holdings) banner, shareholders heard yesterday. The Lonrho-Libya connec-

tion was announced as the UN Security Council was considering sanctions against Libya over the Lockerbie bombing, and made public only hours ahead of Lonrho's annual meeting. Réné Leclezio, Lonrho's

chairman, and in one of many passionate defences of Mr Rowland's abilities and age, said the deal was "Mr Rowland's personal achievement". The chairman told a shareholder: "I do not know your age. But I doubt if you could have followed Mr Row-land through the negotiations." Paul Spicer, a deputy chairman, said: "We did not plan the timing for the day of the UN debate. We have been in talks for weeks. We will not say who initiated it. It was a commercial deal. We have no political aspirations. Deals do just come together and hap-pen in Africa".

Mr Spicer said the £177.5 million arrived in the bank late on Wednesday, and a letter of confirmation from a partner at Freshfields, the law firm, runs 40 miles a clearing bank was received yesterday morning.

Despite his success he Lafico acquires a third never travels first class share of an enlarged capital in a hotel chain owning hotels in London, Birmingham, Brighton and Blackpool, and whose book value of net assets Customer complaints are at the end of September totalswamping financial led £393 million. Lafico has ombudsmen who need the right to appoint two out of extra staff to cope with. eight of Metropole's direcappeals for a fair deal tors. There are limited rights

concerning "specified major

ultimately strongly backed the Redland bid, the outcome

of the battle was far from

clear until as late as Wednes-

day morning when Redland

had received only 2 per cent acceptances and had made

no market purchases of Steetley's shares. Sir Colin Cor-

by the end of the season.

Bates left his move until the

89th minute. His purchase of

26 million Cabra shares from

matters" affecting Metropole. Lonrho emphasised that Metropole will continue to be managed by its directors and employees, and "owner-ship and control still ultimately rests in Lonrho". Metropole, totally owned by Lonrho, is issuing new shares for the arrangement with Laffico, which therefore imputes a total valuation on Metropole of £570.5 million. Lafico thus pays £177.5 mil-lion for a third stake valued at

Some City analysts said they were "unimpressed" with the Libyan connection, but conceded that "cash is cash", and Lonrho needs all the help it can get. "Debt is Lonrho's Achilles heel," one

Interest savings by Metropole will eventually work through to Lonrho. However. the statement makes clear that the £177.5 million cash injection will be "ring fenced", and will be used to help reduce Metropole's borrowings.

Lonrho's net debt was

£1.095 billion at the end of September, and after asset sales made since then, including a half share in a German freight company, analysts had assumed net debt had fallen to £750 million. The stock market was, therefore, unsettled yesterday when Mr Leclezio gave a qualified answer that Lonrho's net debt would now be reduced to £850 million — implying there had, since year-end, been a £100 million cash out-flow. Mr Spicer said that in the past six weeks Lonrho had secured commitments, through asset sales, that meant £400 million "is coming in, one way or another", and reiterated that gearing would fall from 70 per cent to around 55 per cent. Lonrho shares rose 5p to 108p, only



Happy with the personal touch: Tiny Rowland did the deal yesterday to sell an interest to the Libyans

Tiny marches to the millennium

have the inxurious ambience of the Grosvenor House, Park Lane, but its rafters rang with praise for Tiny Rowland, Lonrho's chief executive (Colin Campbell

Mr Rowland, like the Johnny Walker man, is going marching on into the next millennium, René (Mr Sugar) Leckezio, the chairman, told

the gathering of Tiny's faithful shareholders.
One fan said he did not want Mr Rowland, who is 74, to retire. Tiny is a Big Name, not like Mr Maxwell. he said, though he did want to know "the cost of running Mr Lonrho's, oops! Sorry! Mr Rowland's jet". Was it really £900,000?.

"If you accept Tmy, then you accept the jet," Mr Leclezio replied. That was just one of countless lines of Comment, page 23 praise. A former Mayoress of

recession in the construction

industry and by the promise

from Redland that the inte-

gration of the two businesses

will yield £13 million of cost

savings. Steetley's case was

not helped by a series of setbacks to its defence, in-

cluding the blocking of a pro-

posed joint venture with

Officially, the Steetley board was advising share-

holders "to take no further

action" until a formal recom-

However, the preparations

for an orderly handover have

been begun by the Steetley team. This was in no way the

result Redland expected," one

Steetley adviser said. "They

mendation has been made.

said how much she hated the criticism that had been levelled against Lonrho and Mr

"It is nonsense to say he is too old. He is our one hope of survival. Tiny is the jewel in the crown," Mrs Adams managed to get in over the hand microphone before those in the gallery started to shout: "Get on with a ques-

Yesterday's annual meeting was pre-charged with City anger in the wake of 1991's pre-tax profits setback and the cut dividend. However, though there was the odd barbed comment from individual shareholders, no collective City voice

It was the first annual meeting with Mr Leclézio in the chair, after years of Sir Edward du Cann. Mr Sugar admitted he was no parlia-

rice Chevalier voice, and might as well have sung the Mary Poppins ditty "A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down".

The curtain-raiser was a 37-minute film on Lonrho's sugar estates that included the immortal line: "It has been a year of celebrations at Lourho estates". Had the concert hall lights

not been dimmed, and had the 1991 profit and loss ac-count been on every shareholder's lap, there might have been booing.

Mr Leclézio, however, hav-ing fired another broadside and misleading campaign of hysteria" after the results an-nouncement, raised broad France there was an old Arab saying: Les chacals aboient, la caravane passe ("Let the jackals bark, the caravan carries on"). At one point, Mr Rowland himself was chal-lenged to speak. "Will Mr Rowland stand up and tell us...". The silver head of Mr Rowland had already started to shake "no" before

the questioner had finished. René came to the rescue. Tirry does not talk," he said. "He acts. And you have seen his act!". Mr Rowland, we were told

yesterday, had personally achieved the deal with the Libyans, and had done many great and good works for Lourho.

"At long last, and I am pleased to tell you largely due executive, it seems almost certain that peace will be achieved in Mozambique in the next few months."

Tiny said not a word during the 75-minute meeting.

Labour will hit foreign firms

BY WOLFGANG MONCHAU

FOREIGN companies and their foreign employees would be among the hardest hit by Labour's tax plans. according to an analysis by Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the financial consultant.

Foreigners are badly hit because they tend to earn high incomes. Labour will not only levy higher taxes and national insurance (NI) on total income, but will also continue with not allowing special treatment.

Japanese and Koreans. who, unlike Americans, do not have reciprocal agreements with Britain on NI. would be hit hard. Not only would they pay NI on total salary, but are unlikely ever to have a British pension.

Also, the companies tend to negotiate with these employ-ees on an after-tax basis. If taxes rise, the company pays. They are then taxed on the amount by which they compensate employees for higher taxes, thus paying tax on tax. But over 13 years of Tory government. Britain has lost its tax attraction for foreigners as special treatment was removed, though this was offset by top rate cuts. Under Labour, foreigners

would not only suffer higher taxes but also continuation of this regime. Continental countries have generous tax regimes for foreigners, via allowances or reduction in amount of taxable income.

Foreigners had the best tax treatment under the last Labour government. One earning £100,000 would retain 51 per cent under John Smith. But under Denis Healey, he would have kept 82 per cent in 1979 via legal tax loop-

holes. In 1979, a foreigner was liable for tax on 50 per cent of income. The special allowance, was cut from 50 to 25 per cent in 1987 and ended in 1989. Thus, a single carner on £80,000 paid tax and NI of £16,213 in 1986/7, £27,584 in 1987/89, £28,763 today, but £37,942 under Labour. John Andrews, head of tax at Coopers Deloitte, said this could be solved by reintroducing spe-

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Redland wins Steetley

By Jonathan Prynn

ness, the chairman of Red-

land, said: "I am delighted

that we have had a successful

outcome after such a long

offer period. We are commit-

ted to increasing shareholder value through implementing

our merger plans — I am confident that our manage-

ment can deliver the benefits.

I look forward to welcoming

the Steetley shareholders and

employees as they join the

enlarged Rediand group."
The merger will create Brit-

ain's largest building prod-ucts group and one of the top

three aggregate producers in the world, with a turnover of

more than £2 billion. About

70 per cent of sales will be

been swayed by the high mul-tiple offered by Redland dur-

ing the depths of a prolonged

Shareholders seem to have

2.8600 (+0.0004) Exchange index THE last big outstanding takeover bid in the City came to a close yesterday afternoon Bank of England official close (4pm) with Redland claiming victory at the end of its 115-day battle for Steetley, its rival STOCK MARKET building materials group.

The £613 million offer went unconditional when Redland 1938.3 (+8.4) announced that it had re-FT-SE 100 ceived acceptances for 60 per cent of Steetley's shares by the 2472.2 (+7.3) l pm deadline. Redland had **New York Dow Jones** offered 87 shares for every 3268.56 (+9.17)* 100 Steetley shares or a 365p cash alternative. Tokyo Nikkel Avge Although the institutions

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THE Roker roar might have put paid to Chelsea Football Club's FA Cup ambitions, but Ken Bates. Cheisea's indefatigable chairman, still hopes for a big win to round off the Yesterday, he moved a step closer to it by buying a 27 per cent stake in Cabra Estates.

that owns Chelsea's Stamford Bridge ground and wants the club to pay £23.8 million for the freehold or face eviction Like the goal that ensured Chelsea's FA Cup exit, Mr

Dr Ashraf Marwan, the able effect, not least on

the deal was announced, the shares were worth 7p each, valuing Dr Marwan's stake at £1.8 million. Afterwards, a 2p rise indicated a value of \$2.3 million. However, it is believed that Dr Marwan might have received close to E3 million.

The shares have not been bought by Chelsea but by Vanbrugh, a shell company. However, there was frantic activity at Stamford Bridge yesterday, ahead of today's deadline for transfers. Three players were hastily dispatched in what looked like a fund-raising exercise.

Chelsea appeared to have raised about £1.2 million by loaning Jason Cundy to Tottenham Hotspur and by sell-

The state of the s

were expecting to walk this and they haven't." Comment, page 23

Boost in sales lifts Wellcome

STRONG growth in the vol-ume of sales of Zovirax, the herpes drug and Retrovir, the anti-Aids treatment, helped Wellcome boost pre-tax profits by 35 per cent to £345 million in the half year to February 29. Interim dividend rises a third to 4p from earnings up 33 per cent to 17.5p per share.

Growth of some 13 per cent in the volume of drug sales helped lift sales by 22 per cent to £891 million. Research and development spending increased by 23 per cent to E127 million.

Wellcome Trust plans to sell much of its 74 per cent holding this summer. Wellcome shares rose 13p to

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Chelsea scores against landlord

the quoted property company

Bates: 27 per cent stake Egyptian financier, was made on the day originally fixed for Chelsea to come up with the £23.8 million.

In the event, Mr Bates produced rather less than that but he used it with considerfor £275,000 and Kevin Wilson to Notts County for £200,000. Having secured the Cabra

stake, Mr Bates promptly called for an extraordinary meeting, at which he will seek the removal of John Duggan. chairman, and Andrew Mackay, MP for Berkshire East and a Cabra director.

Mr Duggan declared himself puzzied by Mr Bates's move. He said that even if Cabra accepted Vanbrugh's call for seats on the board, conflict of interest would prevent Mr Bates voting on any matter relating to Chelsea. Cabra directors meet today to discuss the proposals.

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Airline of the Year 1992

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Morgan Grenfell profits increase

BY NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MORGAN Grenfell, the London merchant banking subsidiary of Deutsche Bank. increased pre-tax profits by 21 per cent to £56.5 million in 1991 - a year when it returned to the top of the mergers and acquisitions league table.

John Craven, Morgan's chairman, confirmed that the bank is planning to merge its futures and options business with its parent. This will mean that Morgan and Deutsche will trade as one team on Liffe. But the rest of the bank's operations would remain independent.

During the year, Morgan benefited from contributions from two of its newest subsidiaries development capital and Third World debt trading. Development capital has now raised funds of £175 million and organised several management buy-outs, in-cluding Taunton Clder and Bristow Helicopters.

Michael Dobbs, chief executive, said that the banking division remains Morgan's most profitable operation, despite some bad debt provisions. The bank is increasing

its lending operations.

The corporate finance business worked on 11 public takeovers in Britain last year, worth £2.4 billion, putting it top of several league tables. Mr Dobbs said that 60 per cent of transactions the bank advised on were cross-border, compared with only 16 per cent in 1987. These included several prominent German clients, such as Continental in its defence against Pirelli and RWE-DEA's \$1.2 billion takeover of Vista Chemical in America.

Asset management, Morgan's other main business. provided around one quarter of the profits, growing by 21 per cent to £16.2 billion. During the year Morgan also equity markets by transferring CJ Lawrence, its American research-based broker, to Deutsche. Mr Craven said that Morgan intended to keep its profitable equities business in Singapore and Hong Kong.

Capitalised interest leaves Slough Estates ahead

fourth biggest property company, reports pre-tax profits of and loss account, pre-tax loss-£31.6 million for 1991, but only after adding £52.3 million of interest charges to the balance sheet value of developments still in the course of construction.

The amount of interest "capitalised" in this way was above the expectations of analysts, who have kept the company under close scrutiny since the departure of Graeme Elliot, Slough's vice-chairman, a fortnight ago. With property values still under pressure, the practice of capitalising interest is viewed with mounting concern.

Accounting regulations require developments to be held in the balance sheet at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Judging how much interest can be safely added to the cost of a development can be difficult at a time when property values are falling. Having added E52.3 million

of interest to the balance sheet, only £27.4 million of Slough's total interest bill of £79.7 million passed through the profit and loss account, enabling the company to report a 40 per cent increase in pre-tax profits and earnings per share of 8p. which partially covers the total

dividend of 11.55p (11.35p).
Paying a maintained final dividend of 7.15p required a £10.1 million transfer from reserves, the second year running a transfer has been re-

SLOUGH Estates, Britain's quired. Had Slough taken all its interest through the profit es would have been around

£20 million. Yesterday's pre-tax profit of £31.6 million was struck after £36.7 million of exceptional provisions. Net borrowings of £739 million give a gearing of per cent. Revaluation of Slough's £1.7 billion investment portfolio produced a £92.5 million deficit, contributing to an 11.7 per cent fall in net assets per share from 375p to 331p. However, within that fall there were some encouraging signs. The value of the core industrial portfolio in Britain actually rose by 6.3 per cent, although, with office values falling 19.3 per cent and development land falling 17.2 per cent, the net decline in the UK portfolio was 2.3 per cent.

Overseas, the French and German portfolios rose in value, by 6.7 per cent and 10 per was a huge decline in the Australian portfolio of 31.1 per cent. Collectively, the group's overseas investments contributed £63.9 million towards the £92.5 million

Sir Nigel Mobbs, chairman, said: "Last year was another difficult year for the property investment and development sector, but despite adverse market conditions, the group's core portfolio contin-ued to produce a satisfactory



Split up: Graeme Elliot and Sir Nigel Mobbs

Decline in demand takes toll on APV

DECLINE in worldwide demand and tighter net margins took their toll on profits at APV, the food processing equipment maker

Pre-tax profits fell 23.4 per cent to £30.8 million in the year to end-December, on turnover down 5.8 per cent to £874.4 million.

Sales to customers outside the United Kingdom account for more than 80 per cent of

said that demand was frustrated by orders for food and. drinks processing machinery from Russia and eastern Europe being held back by difficulties in organising

funding. Sir Peter Cazalet, the chairman, said that the depressed worldwide economic environment had discouraged many of APV's customers from undertaking major capital investments. "While the food and beverage sector is resilment which prevailed there was a tendency to defer capital expenditure."
Neil French, finance direc-

tor, said that APV's order intake for the second half of 1991 did not repeat the sharp decline experienced in 1990, with 1991's full year order intake 5 per cent higher than 1990. The order book for 1992 is 15 per cent above the level for the previous year.

Operating profits from the dry food division fell to £10.9 million (£19.2 million), on turnover down to £278.5 million (£340.7 million). The decline in profits was exacerbated by a £3 million exceptional charge, mainly relating to restructuring and redundancy costs. Closure and restructur ing costs led to an extraordi-

nary debit of £3.1 million. The final dividend is maintained at 3.4p, giving shareholders an unchanged total of 5.4p for the year. Earnings dropped from 9p a share to 6.9p. The shares fell 8p to 108p.

BUSINESS FOR SALE

Takings at **Morrison** reach new record

GROSS takings at Morrison Supermarkets have broken through the £1 billion mark for the first time.

The Bradford-based supermarket group saw pre-tax profits advance by 24.6 per cent to £62.6 million in the year to February 1, on sales ahead 22.9 per cent to £1.12

The figures, excluding new stores, showed takings ahead 7.8 per cent. Average sales per square foot, excluding petrol and VAT, rose 7.4 per cent to £11.60 per week.

Martin Ackroyd, Morrison's finance director, said the group benefited from its decision to absorb last year's increase in VAT on all of its grocery and non-food items until the end of last year.

"We believe supermarket retailing is still a lot to do with price," Mr Ackroyd said. Low prices are a major influence in getting people into the stores, he added.

Four new stores were opened during the period, bringing the total number to 53. The group has opened two new stores in 1992, with a total of 59 stores expected to be operational by the end of the year. The sales area increased by about 10 per

Net interest payments were reduced from £4.87 million to £3.78 million. Gearing, aided by the proceeds from last November's £97.5 million rights issue, stood at about 12 per cent at the year-end, against 60 per cent previously. Profits on land sales led to an exceptional gain of E993,000. Shareholders will receive an increased final dividend of 1.6p (1.giving an improved total of 2p for the year, against 1.55p previous ly, beating the 1.9p total forecast at the time of the

Earnings rise from 16.09p share to 19.76p, with fully filuted earnings accelerating 21.8 per cent to 18.49p. Paul Smiddy, at Kleinwort Benson, forecasts current year pre-tax profits of £83 million, giving fully diluted earnings of 21.5p. The shares ad-vanced 12p to 325p.

rights issue

LOANS & INVESTMENT

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Cannon Street dives to a loss of £34.9m

CANNON Street Investments, the mini conglomerate, dived to a loss of £34.9 million last year and has abandoned its final dividend after heavy asset write-downs and interest costs. The group intends to continue its disposal programme to reduce debts, and is thought to be looking for a buyer for its hotel division, which includes Craigendarroch, the Scottish timeshare park. CSI's losses were caused by a £34.5 million exceptional write-down on its hotels, building materials business, fork lift truck distributor and double glazing division. Operating profit slumped 60 per cent to E11.1 million as almost all of the company's 40 operating subsidiaries were hit by the recession. Since the end of the year the group's debts have fallen by more than half to £45.3 million, thanks to the floration of Avonside, the house builder, and the sale of most of the group's stake in Betacom, the telephone distributor. The group has now appointed Tom Long, a former BAT director, as chairman.

Kynoch calls for cash

G&G KYNOCH, which recently moved from textiles to health care, is making a two-for-three rights issue, at 36p a share, to raise £2.6 million. The proceeds will fund the acquisition of Astec Environmental Systems, which makes fume cupboards, and certain assets of Peteric, a manufacturer of biological safety cabinets. Kynoch reported pre-tax profits of £851,000 in the 16 months to December 31. against a loss of £983,000 in the previous 12-month period. Turnover, boosted by acquisition, was £17.9 million (£4.02

Exports boost Jeyes

A SIXTY per cent growth in exports, mainly to the Far East. helped Jeyes Group, the maker of cleaning and hygiene products, to a 17 per cent rise in full year profits. Pre-tax profits advanced to £4.18 million in the year to end-December and turnover rose by 19 per cent to £61.8 million. The final dividend is raised to 3.8p (3.2p), giving a total of 6.4p for the year, against 5.4p previously. Earnings climb from 12.4p a share to 19.6p. Shares firmed 7p to 438p. Jeyes is acquiring two brands of wipes from SmithKline Beecham.

Pillsbury joint venture

GRAND Metropolitan's Pillsbury subsidiary and Archer Daniels Midland, an American company, have reached agreement in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to create a flourmilling joint venture under which Pillsbury will receive ADM/TPC Million. The 50-50 joint venture will be called ADM/TPC Million. Pillsbury said the partnership will increase productivity, reduce costs and ensure a supply of high-quality flour to Pillsbury. ADM will manage and operate the mills, which are in four states.

TSB makes progress

THE TSB Group's bad debt provisions will show a marked decline this year despite worsening problems in the mortgage subsidiary, Sir Nicholas Goodison, the chairman. told the annual meeting. Bad debt provisions at Hill Samuel in particular would be much lower than last year. These were the main cause of the bank's £47 million loss last year. However, Mortgage Express, the mortgage business that was already being wound down, was suffering as house prices in the South-East continued to fall.

INTERNATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Telecommunications Industry

Fiji Posts and Telecommunications was changed from a Government Department to a company two years ago. Significant technical advancements have been made since then. The company has a \$50m turnover and 1500 staff, and is now entering a major growth phase in a country of three quarters of a million people.

The Board is seeking to appoint a Chief Executive to work with the management team to effect further significant change:

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THE recession is encouraging people to eat at home, Booker, the food group that supplies many of Britain's caterers, felt the pinch last year as pre-tax profits virtually stood still at £103.9 million €102.9 million).

Jonathan Taylor, the chief executive, said a decline in dining out had "significantly" affected the group's catering revenue. Food distribu-tion was behind more than half of Booker's profit last year, and sales to caterers

made up 40 per cent of the division's total. The company's customers range from Burger King to Buckingham

Mr Taylor said that hotels, restaurants and other traditional clients were cutting back on their order books because fewer people were

In addition, the group has been forced to raise its provisions against bad debts to £4.5 million, a threefold increase on the previous period.

Mild winter pegs payout at Calor

other activities".

Profits before tax for the

restructuring and cost reduc-

tion programme. A further

exceptional restructuring

charge will be made in the

current year.

Mr Davies said that the

programme, which began in 1990, had been promoted by

'Calor's experience of a series

of mild winters, coupled with

increased competition and high and volatile gas prices." The company said that the performance in 1991 benefit-

ed from cold winter weather

and a reduction in the inter-

est charge from £4.8 million

Growth in profits had been held back by the higher cost

of gas supplies and develop-ment expenditure.

Trading conditions deterio-

mucd in the second half of the

year as liquid petroleum gas costs remained higher in the run-up to the winter period

than they had been in the

Strong internal cash flow

allowed net borrowings to be reduced by £20 million to £20.1 million, while share-holders funds rose by £9.9

UNITED Newspapers, publisher of the Daily Express,

suffered an 11 per cent drop in pre-tax profits last year to

£85.2 million due to a fall in

advertising and sales. Lord

Stevens of Ludgate, the chair-

man, said the results illustrat-

ed the depth and the extent of

the recession and were not

unreasonable in the cir-

The fall in profits includes a

loss of £1 million from Punch magazine which the group decided earlier this week will

close in two weeks unless a

Graham Wilson, the man-

aging director, said he did not expect to find a buyer, but

that it would be nice for one to

appear. He said there were no

other plans for closures

among the group's 25 con-sumer and 75 business titles.

United is holding its final

buyer is found.

iand and Slovakia

to £2.6 million.

need for continuing invest-MILD winter weather and the continuing recession in the UK has led Calor Group, ment in the core gas business and in the development of the liquid petroleum gas sup-plier, to maintain its dividend year to end-December were £45 million compared with - despite a 16 per cent advance in pre-tax profits last £38.9 million for the previous year. Exceptional charges of £7.2 million related to the

The final payout was pegged at 6p, making an unchanged 12p for the year. Michael Davies, the chairman, said that the decision reflected "both the current trading performance and the

City cheers for Coats Viyella

The City reacted with enthusiasm to the first set of full year figures from Coats Viyella, the textiles group, since its £250 million hostile takeover

of Tootal in May last year. Shares in Coats were marked up 9p to 189p on the announcement of a 10 per cent advance in pre-tax prof-its from £101.4 million to £111.4 million for the year to end-December. Turnover was up from £1.83 billion to £1.95 billion.

The figures included seven months of trading from Tootal, but the profit contribution from the new businesses was not broken down. The final dividend was held at 4p, making an unchanged 7p for the year. Dividend cover was 1.4 times.

Neville Bain, the chief executive, said he believed improvement was possible in est by the adverse trading conditions were yards and fabrics, which saw operating profits slump from £14 million to £1.6 million, and fashion retail where profits fell from £10.2 million to £4.4 million. Tempos, page 22

Burmah rises

Pre-tax profits in 1991 at Burmah Castrol, the lubricants and chemicals group, rose slightly from £164.9 million to £165.5 million, but earnings slumped from 52.9p a share to 42.6p, on a tax charge of 47 per cent (37 per cent). A final dividend of 15.5p makes a total of 24p (23p). Tempus, page 22

New chairman Christian Salvesen, the distri-

bution group, has appointed Alick Rankin, chairman of Scottish and Newcastle, as chairman to succeed John West, who is retiring, with effect from July 14.

Minimum wage

The report on the impact of a minimum wage in yesterday's Times was based upon a survey by Industrial Relations Services, not Incomes Data because of the impact that the recession is having on its smaller customers. Fisch Lovell, the food pro-

ducer and distributor acquired in 1990 for £302 million in cash, is at last beginning to pay its way. Food distribution saw pro

tax profits rise from £57.9 million to £65.6 million. largely on the back of Fitch

Lovell's contribution. However, the need to issue shares to help finance the Fitch Lovell acquisition, coupled with the effects of the recession, has prompted a 13 per cent decline in earnings

per share from 41.9p to 36.3p.

The company's debt has been reduced by just under a third from £199.3 million to £138.2 million. A final 14.25p dividend of makes 21.75p for the year (net of tax credit) against 21.25p in

Disposals last year realised £64.7 million. Gearing has fallen to 71 per cent com-pared with 112 per cent the

previous year. Booker is in the process of refocusing the company's di-visions, which range from food distribution and agribusiness to fish and prepared

The sale of Kingswood-GK chemist chain, and Holland & Barrett, the health food shops, to Lloyds Chemists in April 1991 raised £37.5 mil-lion. Booker Nutritional Products was sold for £11.4 million in September and the sale of P. Leiner, an American nutritional products business, is expected to raise £24 million. The sale is due to be

completed next month. The agribusiness, which includes salmon farming and turkey breeding, added £21_6 million; health products con-tributed 56.8 million and the fish and prepared foods divi-sion added £17.1 million.

The group has pulled out of salmon farming in Canada and France at a cost of £23 million, and taken its first step into food distribution in continental Europe by investing £13.6 million in a cash and carry business in

Portugal.

Booker is keen to follow up its venture in Portugal with a similar deal in Spain. Further acquisitions in

million to £179.6 million.

The company said that the Pam Gas project set up to invest in central European southern Europe and expansion in fish processing and liquid petroleum gas marfrozen food catering are likely kets, made "an encouraging start", and had already formed joint ventures in Poto set the tone for the next few months. The purchase for £10 the Ross Young There was also an agreefrozen food catering distribument to establish a venture in tion business in January may pave the way for similar deals. 15p to 295p.

United Newspapers slides

Stevens: 11% profit fall

dividend at 13.5p to make an

unchanged 21p for the year.

sion incurred most of the fall

in profits, as it slipped 28 per

cent to £21.4 million, due to

the fall in advertising reve-

nue. Mr Wilson said advertis-

ing volumes had retreated by

15 per cent. The group closed.

several titles during the year

but bought others in Amer-

The group's magazine divi-



Playing the market: Michael Bucher, left, and Paul Lipscomb with a video "friend" from Atmosfear, a new game

Scrabble maker surges

BY OUR CITY STAFF JW SPEAR & Sons, the maker of Scrabble and other toys and games, has reported an 80.5 per cent surge in

Organic growth and im-proved margins, aided by improved productivity, enabled pre-tax profits to ad-vance from £1.4 million to £2.53 million in the year to end-December.

Turnover grew by 19.7 per cent to £27.3 million, with more than half of the group's British production exported. Scrabble accounts for about a third of total sales, with the game available in a wide variety of countries. There is ven a version in Braille.

Michael Bucher, manag-ing director, said that the results were highly satisfac-tory in the face of difficult market conditions.

Paul Lipscomb, finance director, said: The United Kingdom held up very well. We've actually seen an upturn in sales." He added that the group was hoping to benefit from new products including Atmosfear, a new interactive video game which is about to be launched and will retail at about £25. "It has had a very good reception at toy fairs", Mr Lipscomb added.

There is a final dividend of 8p, giving shareholders a total of 10p for the year, against 8p previously. Earn-ings rise from 17.9p a share to 32.3p. The shares jumped

ica. The national newspaper

division increased profits, by

contrast, to £27.1 million due to cost-cutting and a 5p cover

price increase on the Express.
The regional newspaper business saw profits slip by 6 per cent to £27.1 million due to a

slump in situations vacant classified advertising.

Mr Wilson said that the

results included 64 million of

reorganisation expenses and

that the group had reduced costs by up to £15 million in a

full year.

During the year, United spent £21 million on acquisi-

tions and disposed of IDD,

the financial information ser-

vice. The group also bid for several pieces of Robert Max-well's collapsed media empire but was unsuccessful.

The financial information

division, which includes Ex-

tel, increased profits slightly

to £10.1 million due to the

Ciba-Geigy delivers 24% rise

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business Correspondent

CIBA-GEIGY is among the first of the international chemicals and pharmaceuticals giants to have emerged from the depression in the industry, with a hefty 24 per cent rise in net profits to SPr).28 billion (£492 million) in 1991.

The rise in profits stemmed mainly from the company's pharmaceutical and agricultural business, which accounts for 60 per cent of sales. The industrial chemicals sec-tor is depressed, however, with sales down by 4 per cent and with no sign of a signifi-

cant improvement this year. Alex Krauer, chairman of the board of directors, said in London: There is no upswing in sight except in the US where we can see the first timid signs of recovery in our industrial division." The fall in industrial chemical sales was more than compensated for by an 18 per cent rise in the agricultural business and a 10 per cent rise in pharma-CHITCEAR. Total sales were up by 5 per

cent to SFr21.1 billion. In the first two months of the current year sales grew by be-tween 5 and 10 per cent. America is the largest pharmaceutical market in the world, accounting for 32 per cent of Ciba-Geigy's pharma-ceutical sales. Most of the growth comes from new products.

The Ciba-Geigy results are consistent with the industrial development in the chemical business which has been marked by a boom in pharmaceuticals and a depression in basic chemicals. Hence, the relative performance of

the world's chemical giants is almost wholly attributable to their exposure to the various Dr Krauer also announced

"a shareholder-friendly share capital increase". Under the scheme, shareholders will be entitled to one new share for every 25 shares held. The price will about two thirds of the share price in early May. and it is thought the issue will raise about SFr490 million. Ciba-Geigy spent or SFr2.19 billion on research and development, or 10.4 per cent of sales, a level which the company is committed to

Capital expenditure was down 5 per cent to SFr1.96 billion, and will remain at this level. The dividend goes up by SFr5 to SFr65 per share and participation

maintain this year.

Bunzl falls for the third year running

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

PRE-TAX profits at Bunzl. the paper, plastic and build-ing products group that is undergoing a major restruc-turing, fell for the third successive year in 1991.

However, the shares perked up 4p to 90p on evidence that the overhaul of the group may begin to pay off during the current year.

Trading profits for the year to end-December were down by 17 per cent at £49.7 million mainly because of difficult rading conditions in the building accorded. the building materials business in America and problems with the Italian and Brazilian operations.

Net restructuring costs of £8.7 million taken above the line and a higher interest charge meant that profits before tax fell from £52.6 million to £31.7 million. Group profits reached a peak of £93.3 million in 1988 at the end of a per.od of rapid acquisition growth. A new central management

team has been built up in the past seven months following the appointment of Anthony Habgood as chief executive. Since his arrival, businesses with combined sales of about £250 million have been shut, rationalised, or sold. Staffing has been reduced by 15 per cent to about 8,000. Mr Habgood said the group would now concentrate on turning round the perfor-mance of its five remaining business areas.

Borrowings were almost unchanged at £109 million, but the gearing level rose to 55 per cent because of a £15 million reduction in net assets, largely due to further charges associated with past disposals. These were shown in the accounts as the bulk of a £10.3 million extraordinary item. Interest cover was 4.4 The final dividend of 2.2p

made a barely covered 4p payout for the year, a 32 per cent reduction on 1991. Analysts said they welcomed the measures taken by the new management and have pencilled in profits of between £42 million and £46 million for the current year.

"Continuing efforts to reduce operating

costs and working capital will place the

Group in a strong position to benefit .

from an upturn in the world economy."

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the year ended 31 December	1991	1990
Tumover	£874.4m	£928.1m
Return on sales before exceptional items	4.7%	5.8%
Profit before tax	£30.8m	£40.2m
Earnings per ordinary share	6.9p	9.0p
Dividends per ordinary share	5.4p	5.4p
Shareholders' funds	E138.1m	£138.1m

THE YEAR IN BRIEF

- Reduced operating costs and improved
 5% higher order intake in 1991 control over working capital limit profit decline in competitive environment.
- Financially strong with gearing at 42%
 Order book at the start of 1992 15% and interest cover at five times.

ordinary share.

- than in 1990 despite unfavourable economic conditions.
- Maintained final dividend of 5.4p per
- above the comparable 1991 level.
- Over £30m invested in the dry foods facility at Peterborough

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Takeover panel shows the red card

BY NEIL BENNEIT

DUNDEE Football Club might be rid-ing high at the top of the Scottish First Division, but the City takeover panel yesterday laid low two of its former owners. Andrew Drummond, a Dundee solicitor, and Robert Prentice had formed a "concert party" to win control of the club without making a full bid.

For the first time, the panel has used its most potent power of "cold-shouldering", which prevents any merchant bank or stockbroker from acting for the

two men in a future takeover. An appeal committee of the panel on Wednesday upheld an earlier decision to censure publicly the two men who, it says, made "a deliberate attempt to

conceal" a concert party.

The panel has also condemned Mr Drummond for failing to co-operate with its investigation and is making a formal complaint to the Law Society of

"Cold-shouldering, introduced along with the Financial Services Act, is the

panel's strongest deterrent. The panel is complained that "many communica-contacting the Securities and Investments Board, which will write to other regulatory bodies and to regulated financial firms warning them not to deal with Mr Drummond or Mr Prentice in any takeover, at the risk of losing their

regulatory licences.

The incident began when three companies bought an 82.5 per cent stake in Dundee FC for £750,000 in September last year. A company controlled by Mr Drummond bought 29.9 per cent and one controlled by Mr Prentice bought another 29.9 per cent. Under the terms of the code, any party with more than 30 per cent of a company has to make a full bid. The two men, however, did not do

By January, they had sold 71 per cent of the club to another company at a profit of £79,000. That company launched a full bid, although Mr Drummond retained an 11 per cent stake. It was then that the takeover panel be-

During its investigation, the panel

tions were allowed to go unanswered or were met with deliberate obstruction" by Mr Drummond. When the time came for the case to be

heard, neither Mr Drummond nor Mr Prentice bothered to come to London. Instead, they sent a written statement. They were also absent from the appeal In their defence, the two men claimed

they were unaware of the full details of the Takeover Code, which apply to takeovers of all public companies. The appeal committee dismissed the claim. "If an individual or company engages in takeover transactions, he ignores the provisions of the code at his peril," it

Peter Lee, the deputy director general of the takeover panel, said this was an important decision for the panel. "Even though the sums may not be very large, the point of principle is important. It demonstrates that if you do not comply with the code, this will be the consequence," he said.

Wellcome looks the picture of health

THE key factor in Well-come's share price must be the planned disposal of much of the Wellcome Trust's controlling shareholding in-ternationally, provided the trust is legally permitted to do so. The company is cer-

tainly doing its bit.

The 35 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to £245 million in the half-year to end February is no surprise, but that should not detract from the outstanding performance.

The impetus came from sales growth of the company's two outstanding drugs. Zovirax, the herpes drug with ever wider uses, saw sales grow 34 per cent to £278 million, more than 30 per cent of the group total. Sales of Retrovir, the anti-

Aids drug, rose 31 per cent to £103 million.

At the same time, operating margins widened 2.4 points to 26.7 per cent. principally due to the dis-posal of peripheral busi-nesses, which has led to an unexpectedly big £42 million extraordinary charge. In the second half, ex-

change rate effects may not be favourable and sales growth may be slightly lower. but the group keeps marching on. BZW expects full-year profits of £505 million, which, after a higher tax charge, might leave earnings a little above 36p per share. Wellcome shares edged over the £10 mark to £10.12.

likely earnings and should yield about 1.3 per cent on the rising dividend A year or two ago, Japa-nese investors would have jumped at such a gating had it been available. The recep-tion in America and Japan

where they sell at 28 times



Medicine men: John Robb, chief executive, and Sir Alistair Frame, chairman, are doing their bit at Wellcome

this summer should still be granted. This is an impres-sive company, with chinks of doubt over its reliance on American profits on two drugs. The focus will be on new developments and com-pounds needed to keep the

Burmah

INVESTORS were wrong footed by Burman Castrol's resilient performance last year and spent much of yesterday trying to buy back the shares. The shares, which suffered a dismal March. rose 43p to 523p, reversing the damage of the past four weeks. Despite the recovery, they are still worth buying.

Net income fell from £103.4 million to £88.2 million, but remained comfort-ably ahead of the highest expectations. There was also a 4 per cent increase in the dividend to 24p, with a 15.5p final, confounding analysts' belief that the dividend at best, be maintained. Few could have complained had Burmah done

Earnings per share fell from 52.9p to 42.6p, hammered by a taxation rate of 47 per cent. This was the inevitable consequence of the financing structure of Foseco and its geographical profits mix. Steps have al-ready been taken to reduce the charge, which should settle in the lower 40s.

Remarkably, lubricants maintained their gross mar-gins and returned profits of £130.1 million (against £128

Burmah's original chemi-cals businesses lifted profits by 24 per cent, but the companies were down by 20 per cent, twice Burman's own expectations, and contributed just £32.8 million, which did not cover pre-tax acquisition financing

The interest charge rose from £18.5 million to £47.5 million, but was 4.5 times covered by trading profits of £213 million, against £183.4

The year-end gearing was 72 per cent, up from 60 per

cent, before the benefit of a 644 million disposal announced this week. Earnings of 45.4p per share this year imply a modest p/e of 11.5, which has yet to reflect the notertial benefit of which potential benefit of volume

Coats Viyella

SIX months ago, when Coats Viyella announced its in-terim results, the City was reserving judgment on the merger with Tootal that had recently been completed. The full year numbers have been received with more enthusiasm. It looks as if the deal will deliver the rewards on which Sir David Alliance, the Coats chairman, gambled.

resulting in a much higher than expected £12 million fair value write-down in the adjustments and integration provisions amount to £37 willion, leaving an additional goodwill write-off at the yearend of £120 million.

However, the size of the write-off is not too worrying: strong net cash inflow means gearing was a comfortable 33 per cent, or 54 per cent if ference shares are included as deht.

The signs are that the key merger of the two groups

success, with market shares

held and integration cost benefits coming through. Operating profits from the

threads operations rose from

£57.3 million to £73.1

businesses, in particular, seem to have been in a far

worse mess than expected.

If disposals of unwanted Tootal subsidiaries and the promised £12 million integration cost savings can be delivered in the current year, even hardened merger sceptics will have to recant. Although Neville Bain, the chief executive, is not counting on any help from the global economy in 1992, the first few months' trading have delivered like-for-like gains in sales, cash flow and profits. Profits this year will rise from £111.4 million to about £140 million, with the dividend increased from 7p to 7.5p. That would give 13p of carnings, putting the shares on an undemanding p/e ratio of 14.5. The merger looks worth backing.

New York — Blue chips were firm in moderately active trading at midday after fluctuating on the news of a trading error by Salomon Brothers at Wednesday's close. The Dow Jones indus-

trial average rose 11 points to 3,270.39. Secondary issues remained weak. Alan Ackerman, at Reich and Co. said: "Investors are still awaiting sustained signs that the economy is recovering." (Reuter)

It is in the non-thread Alice Signal Ann Co Ann Operations that Coats has its work cut out. Tootal's fabrics

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Carlton shares suffer an early setback

THE shares in Carlton Communications, the video, film and television services group, suffered an early fall on increasing City speculation that Carlton may be about to lose a lucrative film-processing contract. They touched 516p before rallying to close 1p firmer at 523p. The shares have fallen from 561p in the last couple of weeks and some brokers are becoming increasingly wary that further weakness may develop in the shares in the next week or

Carlton lost a contract with Paramount, the American studio, earlier this year to process up to 30 films a year to its rival Rank Organisation which moved up 15p to

Analysts say that a similar contract with Columbia comes up for renewal at the beginning of next month and there are fears that this could be lost to Rank.

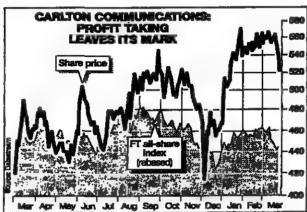
The Carlton price has recovered strongly during the past year, boosted by several video duplication deals and the award of the independent television weekday franchise for the greater London area. Carlton, with its cash pile of more than £100 million, is

having plenty of growth potential. However, one leading broker said: "The shares have enjoyed a good run and it ing this unconfirmed story as an opportunity to take pro-The rest of the equity mar-

ket extended Wednesday's slender gains, helped by some encouraging trading statements and a firm start on Wall Street, where Salomon Brothers, the securities house, was being forced to buy shares to extricate itself from a program trade that went wrong the previous night. However, support remained selective and the FT-SE 100 index saw a 14-point lead almost halved, to finish 7.3 up at 2,472.2. Turnover rose to 527 million shares.

Government securities reflected an unconvincing performance by the pound and closed with losses of £2 at the longer end. Lourho, the international

trading group, fell 8p to 95p as its attempts to cut debt levels were countered by a warning at the annual meeting that the group faced another difficult year. Lonrho has sold a third stake in Its



Metropole Hotels subsidiary foreign investment holding or £177.5 million. British Gas was surprisingly firm, hardening op to 252p.

victory in its £615 million to the Libyan government's battle for Steetley, with a rise of 5p to 450p. Counting was Redland said that it had already received acceptances

Rank Organisation climbed 15p to 660p as a review of the company by Smith New Court, the broker, arrived on fund managers' desks. Smith believes Rank is a key vehicle for investment in the leisure sector and may even benefit from a Labour government. Pre-tax profits are set to grow strongly during the next couple of years and a lower tax charge should enhance earnings.

despite a rebuke from Ofgas, the industry's regulatory authority, for failing to agree to cut domestic gas bills from April i. Redland celebrated

totalling 60 per cent of Steetley, 10p up at 382p. Steetley's defence suffered a blow when the proposed merger of its brickmaking operations with

those of Tarmac, unchanged at 131p, was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Pearson, which owns the Financial Times, managed to recover from some of this week's losses with a rise of 17p to 796p before its fullyear figures on Monday. The shares were hit this week by the Labour party's comments on newspaper ownership.

United Newspapers rose 13p to 373p on learning that its profits decline had not been as big as feared. Wellcome pleased the market with better than expected

half-year figures. Profit-taking left Glaxo 22p down at 822p as City fund managers took advantage of this week's American support for the shares.

Earlier this week. County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, gave warning that Glaxo would continue to experience a resurgence of American interest encouraged by the und-erperformance of the shares since January and imminent Food and Drug Administra-tion approval for Sumatriptan, its migraine treatment. Medeva, the fast growing

pharmaceutical group, con-tinued to respond to this

Burmah Castrol jumped 41 p to 523p despite only a modest increase in full year pretax profits of £600,000 to £165.5 million. Analysts came away from the presentation accompanying the figures im-pressed by the group's comments about future pros-

week's fourfold surge in prof-

its with a rise of 3p to equal its

all-time high of 299p.

Full-year figures from Beoker, the food distribution group, turned out to better han expected with pre-tax profits marking time at £104 million. Analysts had been expecting a downturn. The shares rose 7p to 430p.

Cabra Estates, the property

developer, firmed 20 to 90 in response to the news that Ken Bates, the chairman of Chelsea Football Club, had spent almost £2 million in acquir ing a 27 per cent stake. Chelsea is in dispute with Cabra about the sale of the Stamford

Bridge stadium.

Alfied-Lyons lost much of an early lead to finish only 1 p firmer at 621p after announcing plans to close its Romford Brewery. Bass rose 8p to 536p after disposing of 150 public houses.

MICHAEL CLARK

Hutchison Whampoa to invest £500m in Britain

HUTCHISON Telecommunications, the British end of Hong Kong's Hutchison Whampos group, chaired by Li Ka Shing, plans to invest £500 million. The UK subsidiary has

been eating into its parent

group's earnings, with heavy start-up costs for its mobile radio, paging, mobile data and mobile telephone operations. It will not contribute to profits for a few years. Only its provider services for the current generation of cellular telephone services are expected to be profitable this year. Hutchison, as well as being

the biggest services provider in cellular phones, has two more projects in Britain. One is a telepoint service, which is expected to start later this year, it will be preceded by a pilot service. Telepoint offers outgoing calls from pocket handsets via radio base stations in public places such as rail stations or motorway service areas.

The second UK mobile phone venture is with Microel, which Hutchison bought last year from British Aerospace. This is competing in the new generation, digitally based personal communication networks. The other contender is Cable & Wireless, with the recently merged Mercury Personal Communications and Unitel. Hutchi-



son's container operations in

Felixstowe, Suffolk, acquired last August, recorded better than expected profits. The results were described as "encouraging". Hutchison Whampoa yes-terday announced 1991 net

profits down 5 per cent to HK\$3.33 billion (£251 million). The decline was caused by losses in the UK and by substantial provisions made for Husky Oil, the group's Canadian investment. HK\$763 million had to be written down for Hutchison's 45 per cent stake in Husky, because of heavy losses arising from falling oil and gas

Mr Simon Murray, Hutchison's managing director, said further provisions might be made in 1992; the comparty had already cut staff to

panies controlled by him own another 50 per cent of Husky dans.

Another loss-making divion was the Star TV satellite television service, set up last year. The five-channel station broadcasts to 38 countries in Asia and relies on advertising revenues for profits. Mr Murray said it is expected to become profitable within three

years.
Other Hutchison operations, including property, container terminals and electricity, showed strong growth. The group last year began looking to China for property development and the construction of container terminals. Despite his enormous investments in Hong Kong and overseas, Mr Li had nev er moved into China.

He said in a statement The group is also looking into the possibility of investments in container ports in Shanghai and other parts of China, since the open door policy is leading to an increase in container traffic."

He revealed lower than expected profits for his other flagship company, Cheung Kong Holdings. The property and investment group saw net earnings rise to HK\$4.89 billion from HK\$3.25 billion in 1990, on strong property sales. Analysts had predicted profits of at least HK\$5.2

HK rents help to lift Swire

FROM LULU YU DE BONG KONG

SWIRE Pacific, controlled by John Swire & Sons in the UK. reports that net profits rose per cent last year to HK\$3.08 billion (£230 million). Rental income rose from HK\$792 million to HK\$1.24 billion because of rising rents and the comple-tion of more Swire-developed commercial buildings.

Cathay Pacific Airways, the aviation offshoot, reported a 1.5 per cent profit decline, but another subsidiary, Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering. saw profits increase !! per cent. The group said 1992 had started well for both the aviation and property divisions and that the overall prospects for this year were

☐ Jardine Strategic Hold-ings, another British group in the colony, said its net profits increased 10 per cent to US\$233.2 million. In addition, there was an extraordinary gain of US\$69.5 million from property sales and the flotation of JIB, the UK insurance subsidiary.

Jardine Strategic is the investment holding vehicle of the Jardine Matheson group. which includes Hongkong Land, Mandarin Oriental and Dairy Farm. It will be seeking a primary listing in London and a secondary one in Hong Kong

DAF sees signs of recovery in UK

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

DAF, the Anglo-Dutch lony builder, is predicting an end to the decline of the European lorry market and a slow recovery in UK demand this year despite a near doubling of net losses in the calendar year 1991 to £123 million. The company hopes to return to close to break-even during 1992, despite a diffi-

cult start to the year. DAF's management board said that a "modest increase" in UK demand for lorries was visible. "It is anticipated that the total western European

market for trucks over 3.5 tonnes will more or less stabilise in 1992." DAF's guarded optimism provides the first evidence that the British lorry market is ready to emerge from the unprecedented contraction that has gripped it for more than two years. The lorry industry is widely regarded as

a leading economic indicator. The collapse of UK demand for commercial vehicles was blamed as the main cause of DAF's 1991 losses. The UK market for lorries of 3.5 tonnes or more, at 32,000 vehicles last year, was 54 per

cent down on 1989. The company assembles lorries at Leyland, Lancashire, and Eindhoven, in The Netherlands, and builds vans in Birmingham. Since it includes the former Leyland lor-

ry-building operation, and is market leader in Britain, with a 23.9 per cent share, DAFs fortunes are especially depen-dent on activity in the UK market. Last year, DAF built 26,373 lorries, down 12 per cent on 1990, and completed 22,274 vans, down 9.4 per

The company's share of the European market declined from 8.5 per cent to 7.6 per cent. DAF said that stock levels had been reduced and any upturn in sales would feed through quickly to production. A strengthened dealer network in Germany is expected to help DAF to achieve increased sales there in 1992 despite a weakening of the German market.

A wide-ranging cost-cutting programme has helped to reduce outgoings. Employee numbers were reduced by almost 2,000 during 1991, to 13.413, and the company has reaffirmed its plan to shed a further 1,600 nonassembly workers by the end of 1994.

The management board said that the first half of 1992 would show a loss. However, the figure would be "substantially lower" than in the first half of 1991, and the result for the second half should "largely offset" the loss for the first half. There is no

The Committee of the Co Turnover fell to £28.6m (£31.9m).

Pre-tax: £1.21m (£2.50m) Div: 1.9p (1.9p) SECURE TRUST GROUP Pre-tax: £6.71m (£6.03m) EPS: 31.5p (27.4p) Div: 8.5p, mkg 12p **BURFORD GROUP (Fin)** Pre-tax: £3.45m (£2.65m) EPS: 1.8p (1.5p) Div: 0.5p, mkg 0.95p MURRAY VENTURES (Int) Pre-tax: £1.95m (£1.56m) EPS: 5.00p (4.51p)

BOSTROM (Fin) Pre-tax: £825,000 EPS: 6.4p (24.8p) Div: 3.5p, mkg 6p (8p) KALAMAZOO (Int) Pre-tax: £212,000 Loss EPS: Nil (1.8p) Div: 0.525p (0.5p) WOLSTENHOLME RINK Pre-tax: 22.32m (22.81m) EPS: 20.5p (30.4p) Div: 10p, mkg 16.3p

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SEAFIELD RESOURCES Pro-tax: \$256,000 EPS: 0.6p (LPS: 0.1p) CLANKSON (HORACE)

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CMW GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: 2719,000 EPS: 10.24p (11.9p Div: 1.53p, mkg 2.43p SANDELL GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £267,000 Loss LPS: 6.0p (4.4p) Div: Nii (1.7p)

Group said balance sheet remains strong with gearing at 15%. Some improvement is anticipated. dividend was 10.5p. Gross income

rose to £15.6m (£12.5m). Group confident of continued succes Turnover rose to £9.84m (£8.99m). Last time's total dividend was 0.85p. The net asset value was up 5% to 52.5p per share. Comparative figures are restated.

The net asset value increased to 315.8p (272.6p). Total return on net assets was 4.7%. Last time's profit was £3.05m. Turnover feli to £33.2m (£35.2m).

There was an extraordinary loss of £369,000. Last time's profit was £1.03m. Tumover static at £28.4m. There was an extraordinary gain of £720,000. Trading still difficult.

Final results. Last time's total dividend was 16.3p. Turnover increased to 253.4m (£42.5m). Extraordinary credit of £152,000. Last time's loss was £337,000. Turnover felt to £16.6m (£19.4m). Gearing down to 27%, but it is expected to rise by year end. Turnover fell to £87.6m (£104m). Rental Income, boosted by a mix of acquisitions, new lettings and reviews, rose to £1.98m (£1.69m). Last time's profit was £318,000. Last time's total dividend was 3.6p. There was an exceptional debit of £145,490.

Final results. Figures are for 15 month period, compared with the previous 12 months. Last time's profit was £38,000. Final results. Total turnover

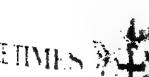
climbed to £42m (£40.9m). There was an extraordinary credit of

Last time's total dividend was 5.4p. Turnover increased to £132.1m (£127m). Group said that stock levels and service improved. Final results. Last time's total dividend was 9.2p. Turnover grew to £181.2m (£155.6m). Group had cash totalling £10.1m. Last time's loss was 25.75m. Last year's dividend was 0.25p. Turnover fell to £98m (£128m). Extraordinary debit of £1.81m. Last time's profit was £4.93m. Turnover fell to £207m (£243m). Exceptional debit of £1.28m, and extraordinary credit of £4.03m. Last time's profit was 25.21m. Last time's total dividend was 1.65p. There was an extraordinary debit of £1.64m. Last time's profit was £373,000. Last time's total dividend was

2.88p. There was an extraordinary charge of £696,000. Last time's loss was £137,000. Turnover fell to £3.22m (£4.18m). There was an exceptional debit of £48,801.

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Tiny finds a generous buyer

ené Ledézio, in his softer French tones, may not have been as extravagant as the previous not have been as extravagant as the provided occupant of the Lonrho chair in his praise of the group's all-powerful chief executive. He certainly hit the button when he said: "Mr Rowland is no ordinary man". Who but the ever-surprising Tiny Rowland would have cooked up a deal to take the Libyan state investment company as his partner in a chain of British conference hotels, when Britain and America have been trying to drum up economic sanctions against Colonel Gadaff's regime.

The upside is that the coloners men were prepared to pay a good price: £177 million for a one-third stake. The Metropole group had a book value of £390 million but outsiders reckoned Lourho would be lucky to get £100 million less than book value if it were forced to sell at the moment. Instead, the injection enables Lonrho to retain Metropole, in which it has invested heavily, while apparently cutting attributable group net debt by nearly £120 million and easing its advance corporation tax bind. Cash is available for partnerships in some of the fine assets Lonrho has built. The downside, at the least, is that the market will feel Lonrho could not afford to be choosy.

The more immediate worry for Lonrho investors must lie in the first half of the current year, which Mr Leclézio made clear would be dire. One or two analysts have projected profits as low as £30 million but such pessimistic figures would not allow for oneoff profits, for instance from sales of property in Germany. A deal over the group's Volkswagen concession should not be ruled out. For trading. especially in the second half, much depends on the timing of Lornho's intended expansion of platinum and rhodium production this year and how this fits with recovery of precious metal prices. That could produce a late bounce. Lonrho certainly needs it.

Late victory

Redland always looked likely to win the battle for control of Steetley and though professional shareholders left it late, the acceptances poured in yesterday. The lateness of the victory tells us more about uncertainties arising from an impending election rather than institutional support for Steetley whose defence suffered a mortal blow with the revelation that it was writing off a significant portion of its investment in a French aggregates acquisition.

Steetley's plans for a joint venture with Tarmac looked defensive though by no means lacked sense. But they made a full bid, with a premium for control passing directly to shareholders, far-more difficult to fight off. To many shareholders, the abortive deal with Tarmac had too many overtones of a poison pill. The recent spate of bid rumours swirling around Tarmac underlines the perceived vulnerability of a company which has suffered far more than many in the housing downturn. Steetley shareholders, if they have opted for the share offer, should have little to bemoan in the immediate future. They have a much less direct exposure to the problems of the domestic economy and can expect Redland's lively top management to make good use of the group's

Redland has been stalking Steetley for a long time and has clearly developed plans for squeezing out £30 million of costs and other merger benefits. The deal should be a splendid one for Redland onomy finally pulls out o recession. That may be a longish haul, yet it isdifficult to assess the extent of the election blight which has halted or slowed commercial decisions throughout the economy.

EUROPEAN VIEW

The scent of dogma slowly fades from France's industrial policy

Wolfgang Münchau believes that change is

in the air as the

Cresson government increasingly appears to have run out of steam

one is the enthusiasm that greeted the new govemment when it took ofago. The economic pattern is all too familiar: a recession to start with, an illusory economic miracle to follow. and now this. The government looks tired. Rarely has the notion that it is time for change had such powerful

appeal.

The country in question is, of course, France. The regional elections last weekend gave an inkling of the general, though not necessarily well articulated, dissatisfaction of the second sec the French voter. The ballot, which pushed the socialists below 20 per cent, could herald an end to their era, and with it an end to some of the socialists' economic policies. The feeling that something is about to change in France is all too paipable.

The election was followed by two seemingly unrelated events, both in the corporate sector. Perrier, the flagship mineral water company, finally succumbed to a hostile foreign takeover, symbolising the end of France's out-moded takeover practices. Then newspapers speculated that Renault, the state-owned car maker, was about to merge with Volvo into a company with signifi-cant private sector shareholdings.

These events indicate a departure from Edith Cresson's protectionist Industrial policy dogmas. This shift in policy has been apparent for some time and is significant, not only for its own sake but also because industrial policy forms the only area of economic policy in which France's socialists differ significantly from the main opposition. If the socialists water down their industrial policy, the main political parties offer almost no distinguishable economic agendas, especially as the opposition is not principally opposed to indus-trial policy as such. These policies will also be indistinguishable from

those of France's neighbours.

Monetary, policy has, effectively been in the hands of the Bundesbank since the creation of the exchange-rate mechanism in 1979. The French also agree to keep public finances healthy and have eschewed the notorious fiscal profligacy of southern Europe.

Only on the issue of industrial policy did the socialists and the conservatives offer distinct alternarives. The socialists believed in the strategic industries, whose como rate representatives are otherwise unlovingly known as national cham-pions. The right offered privatisation, a policy adopted briefly in the period of cohabitation during the short-lived Mitterand/Chirac ad-



Time to leave? Last weekend's ballot may herald the end of Edith Cresson's term in France

ministration in the late Eighties. Since then, the tide has been

turning against the national cham-pions towards privatisation, not only in France but elsewhere in Europe. This trend has put France's socialists in a policy dilemma. Mme Cresson gave this concept perhaps a final run up the flagpole last year when she started insulting the Japanese and insisted that France must

retain an independent capability in sectors such as electronics. However, the Cresson dogma faltered early. It was certainly no op-tion for Bull, the financially troubled state computer maker, which saw no alternative but to bring IBM in as a shareholder and partner so that it could stand a chance in this rough

an car industry leaders. Outside Europe. Renault is hardly known, and the sector is vulnerable to the eventual unrestricted opening of the market to Japanese car makers. Renault on its own looks vulner-

market. Nor will this dogma be an

option for Renault, a medium-sized

able. The shift in industrial policy has a number of causes: market deregulation in the case of cars. changing demand in the case of

The most significant cause is the supply-side squeeze. The trouble facing France's state-owned companies is similar in type, though not in scale, to the weakness of Britain's former state-owned combines: they are underfunded.

computers.

or example, France's so-called Grandes Entreprises Nationales (GEN), excluding the state-owned banks and insurance groups, had a joint turnover in 1990 of Fr523 billion. which is equivalent to 7.1 per cent of the turnover in the non-financial private sector. Yet GEN borrowing borrowing of the non-financial private sector. In other words, a French private company can borrow more than twice as much per unit of output sold. From anecdotal evidence, the situation is similar in the

financial sector, as France's stateowned banks are undercapitalised

compared with European rivals. State ownership has squeezed the investment and expansion of such companies. The contrast between private and public sectors also puts into perspective the notion sometimes entertained at the European Commission, that the French government is pouring good money after bad into its state-owned holdings, distorting competition in their respective sectors.

One could explain the borrowing differentials by arguing that the public companies are all lame ducks, compared with a much

healthier private sector. This argument might hold true elsewhere, but the French GEN include a number of decent and profitable companies, such as Elf. France Telecom, and Rhône Poulenc. The underlying weakness in industrial policy as pursued in France is that if a company is considered "strategic" enough to warrant a public status, it might be

pursue this strategy. Furthermore, the commission's focus on competition in France will make it even more difficult over time for French state-owned companies to invest strategically" elsewhere in Europe.

The next question is how to privatise. The British way of privatisation is perhaps not a good example. The conservative government under M Chirac chose this approach with some companies, such as Saint Gobain, the glass maker. The problem with flotations is that it is government that receives the money, rather than the companies, at least initially. This would not solve the undercapitalisation problem in the short term, the solution of which is most pressing at the moment.

he French government is. in any case, one of the few in Europe that does not need the money. This might sound extravagent, but France is certainly one of the few European countries whose public finances are relatively healthy. Total domestic product (GDP), marginally higher than Germany's or Britain's. Last year's public sector borrowing was only 1.5 per cent of GDP, less than Britain 2.25 per cent or Germany's 3.6 per cent. Since the French, like the British, react to fiscal stimuli by buying foreign goods, one could argue that little is to be gained by the fiscal effects of a privatisation sale wind-fall. Nor do the French need to spend vast sums on building their infrastructure, which is already the best in Europe. On this aspect, at least, France and Britain differ.

Since privatisation is not neces-sary from a fiscal policy point of view, the French find themselves able to choose a different approach by bringing private investors in as strategic and financial partners.

This approach may be characterised as privatisation by stealth but it amounts to privatisation nevertheless, at least over the medium to long term. This happened when IBM stepped in to help Bull. IBM's future equity stake, about 5 per cent to 10 per cent, is only marginal, but the technical and marketing link is more significant. Over time, IBM could emerge as the leading shareholder and, who knows, IBM may gobble up Bull altogether eventual , despite official protestations.

Few, save the most dogmatic pro-conents of industrial chivalry, such as Mme Cresson, will mourn the evolution from a pure state sector into a cohabitation of public private. This does not end industrial policy but curbs its worst excesses.

With the last bastion of socialist economic policy crumbling, the question of whether the socialists or Gaullists run the country will economic standpoint. In this respect, France is becoming just like every other country in Europe.

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Fletcher flies Fry

CAPPANY NEWS

MIKE Fletcher, managing director of Johnson Fry, is leaving to join his old Keele university chum and long-uime skiing companion Philip Soar on the board of Blen-heim Group, the UK's top exhibitions organizer and former USM company of the year. Fletcher, aged 46, who will head Blenheim's UK business, is believed to have been tempted by a salary of about £150,0000 a year, plus share options in Blenheim --where profits have risen from £0.5 million to £28.3 million in six years, via a hectic acquisitions programme — which could make Fletcher a millionaire. Fletcher admits that the move means leaving behind substantial share options at Johnson Fry, where he has been for the past five years, but says he hopes the Blenheim options will "more than compensate" for the loss. He also leaves behind "a whole stack" of new ideas he has been working on in readiness for the day when BES schemes - property schemes account at BES for over a third of Johnson Fry's profits — come to an end in 1993. "The last thing I wanted to do was to leave Johnson Fry in the lurch and I don't think I have," says Fletcher. He has timed his departure to coincide with the end of Johnson Fry's busiest period of the year, and will join Blenhelm at the start of May.

Carte blanche

BARELY 36 hours after bidding farewell to colleagues and contacts at a lavish party positively encouraged to



"I'm worried about sanctions — or a possible air strike."

in a Covent Garden wine bar, hosted by GrandMet chairman Sir Allen Shepard. Tim Halford, the firm's in-house public relations man, will this morning announce that he has landed a new job. Halford, aged 45, and previously employed by Occidental Petroleum as Armand Hammer's personal assistant - he three men in whom Hammer confided - is to become director of public affairs at Trafalgar House. "I seem to like Sixties companies," says Halford. "Occidental, GrandMet and Trafalgar all floated in 1962 or 1963 and companies of that era seem to have a certain style. A legacy of entrepreneurial style, per-haps." Thankfully his change of employer will not interfere with Halford's culinary preferences. Already a regular at the restaurant in the Stafford Hotel, openly preferring it to GrandMet's Chef & Brewer eaterie chain, he will now be

maintain the habit, since the Stafford, along with the Ritz, is owned by . . . Trafalgar.

THE Roux Brothers adopted

Roux to rescue

the Dunkirk spirit with relish yesterday when a crane, being used for window cleaning on a building opposite James Capel in Bevis Marks, collapsed onto an adjacent roof. While police sealed the road — preventing many Capel employees from returning to work after luncheon, staff from Roux's external caterers, which provides in-house food at Capel, took to the street with a trolley of refreshments for the firemen

Signing with relief

LAWRENCE Lever, the former Times journalist who led the field reporting the Barlow Clowes affair, has met his most important deadline to date. Yesterday, he was in Manchester signing copies of his book The Barlow Clowes Affair and breathing a sigh of relief publication did not coincide with the birth of his first child, due on election eve. "I had a terrible vision of my wife going into labour early and me being stuck in Manchester," he said. If his wife Keren had given birth early, she would have been bereft of support as his mother brought half the family and friends to the launch. "Just like a re-run of our wedding. minus the bride," he quipped. Meanwhile, the book has gone straight into the Sunday Times/Bookwatch · bestseller list at number 20.

BUSINESS ETTERS

Price of ERM is unacceptable

From C. R. Baker

Sir, It is typical of the "head in the clouds" attitude to Europe held by such as Mich-ael Cassidy (Business News, March 20) that gives this election an unreal appearance. The arguments on the economy are reiterated every day by all parties and they all broadly say the same thing we're in the ERM and we make our policy from that starting point.

No one talks about lower interest rates or promises them in the UK, because they are not possible while Germany sucks in huge amounts of money to bail out what was formerly East Germany, for which it needs high levels of interest rates to attract the funds in the first place; and in the meantime, wage demands and awards are going up there because interest rates are higher than they've been before — which, of course, pushes up inflation

etc. etc. We've seen it all before. The difference this time is that the poor (and becoming much poorer) citizens of Britain are being penalised because of Germany's social and political priorities, they are losing their jobs in large numbers, their businesses are closing at an alarming rate and their houses are declining in value, diminishing their disposable income.

To paraphrase someone famous who resigned after an indiscreet lunch, something's not right and until it is, thoughts about siting European central banks, joining EMU esc are pie in the sky. because when they wake up to what's happening, our people won't want any part of it. Yours sincerely, C. R. BAKER,

c/o Bechtel House, 4th Floor. 245 Hammersmith Road,

Insurers short-change policyholders

From Mr John L. Norden

Sir, Many people whose life and pensions policies are due to mature this year will, it seems, be receiving payouts well below reasonable expectations, thanks to the decision of the leading houses, taken after consultation, to reduce

Apparently they attempt to justify this to the unfortunate policyholder by pointing to a general expectation of lower interest rates in the next few years. This will be small consolation to those who have paid their premiums, in preference to surrendering, in the belief that life and pensions policies are a reliable, if unexNeedless to say, this belief has

been fostered by the insurers. The rising generation should be warned that the insurance industry, which seemed to have recovered from the blow to its reputation inflicted by the collapse of UKPI, is now placing a low priority on keeping faith with private policyholders.

Yours faithfully, J. L. NORDEN, 31 Manor Road, Oxfordshire.

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British Gas

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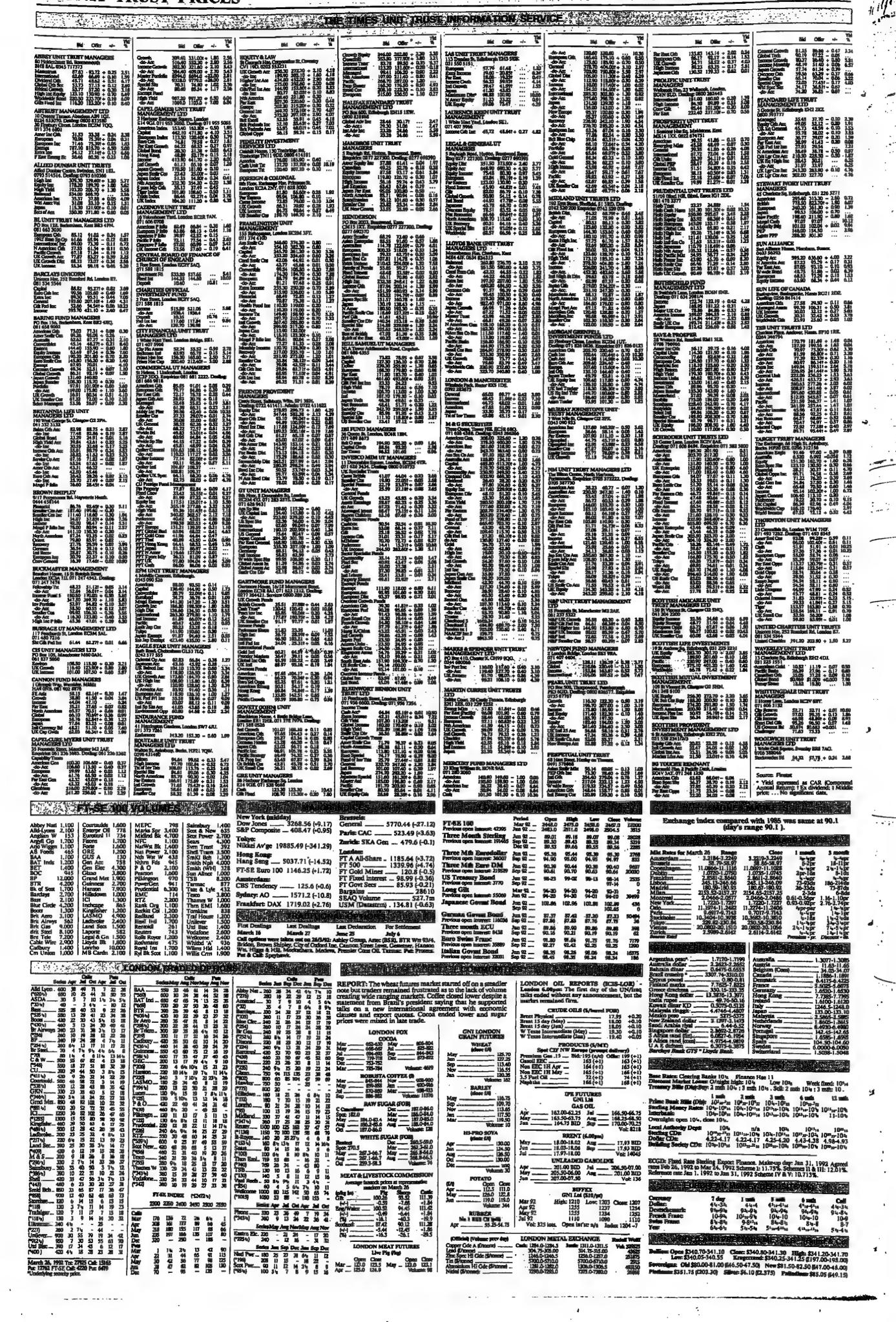
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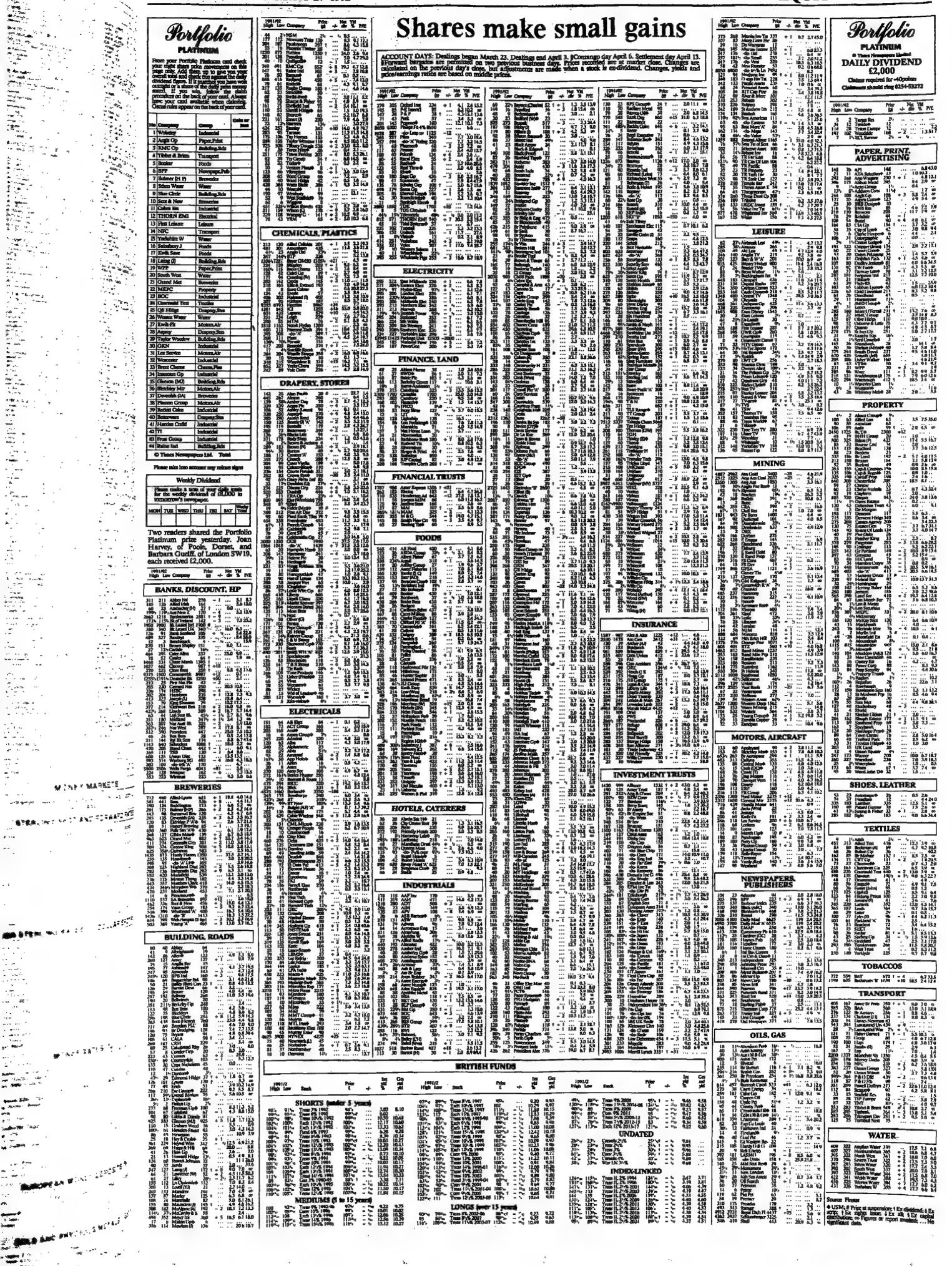
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Two jobs can make up for having none

THE benefits for the self-employed of doing more than one job are set out in a publication* from **KPMG Management Consulting** that says an increasing number of people made redundant or forced into early retirement are "going

John Hall, a partner at KPMG Management Consulting, says: The days of having a career for life are over, but having several jobs or interests at once, particularly for the middle-aged, can prove to be a tremendous opportunity." He cites the example of a man who earns a respectable income from counselling ten drug addicts a week. He has experience in finance — which made him an ideal candidate for part-time treasurer at a clinic — and at weekends his proficiency with a video recorder earns him fees at weddings and christenings.

Mr Hali says: "Many people who have gone plural are working at careers they only dreamed about Going plural gives you the flexibility of doing a mixture of paid and unpaid work while you develop your plans and

He says many people losing their jobs have seen their financial circumstances change dramatically since they started work. The mortgage may be paid off, or under control, while the children may have left home. The redundancy package has probably provided a short-term cushion.

Mr Hall says: "It is not easy. All your life, other people — parents, teachers, employers and spouses — have been telling you what you should be doing. We know what we are good at, but that does not necessarily imply that we enjoy

The booklet suggests where to get advice and what considerations should be uppermost. Mr Hall says: "Do not be afraid to talk openly about your talents." *Enquiries to KPMG, 20 Far-ringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP; telephone 071-236 8000.



"I'm expecting to win for being the last one left!"

Stepping Stones for little people

A PRIVATE house is an unlikely place to find a factory, but that is what Jemma Cowley likes to call her home. She calls it the factory because she sees it as a production line, comprising four managers and 15 children. It is a day nursery; the "managers" are four qualified nurses and foor of Mrs. Cowley's home in Battersea, London. It is called Stepping Stones.

Mrs Cowley, whose husband, Christopher, is a quantity surveyor, said: "I regard it like a manuor, said: "I regard it like a manifacturing plant where children can produce anything from the drawing of a duck to a small doll. We call the nursery the little people's factory and run it with a whole medley of activities that we know will keep the children busy and interested." and interested.

She started the business when, en months after having twins, she decided to return to work as a health visitor and needed a daycare centre for the twins and her three-year-old son. But she could not find anywhere that provided the comfort and interests she wanted for them.

Her bank manager agreed to

give her a loan to set up a day nursery in May 1988. The Cowleys spent several months con-verting their home, turning three large rooms into the nursery.

She was then able to register

with Wandsworth borough council, helped by her qualifications as a state registered nurse, health

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Adrian Beecroft, chairman of the British Venture Capital Association, says there are increased opportunities for buy-ins of businesses in receivership, as well as buyouts by the management. He told a conference organised by GMS Consultancy, a specialist in executive leasing, that more than a quarter of transactions are currently coming out of receiverships.

With receivership, a buy-in has
to be put together in as little as ten

days - not easy, since it involves constructing a team from outside.

Ex-managers who had become consultants could play a key role in recruiting such teams, the conter-ence was told.

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Spain has transformed itself since the death of Franco and this year is on display for the world to see, Peter Strafford reports. But there are some worries about

its future in the EC's single market

pain has taken 1992 as its great opportunity to present itself to the world in its new democratic and progressive guise. Spaniards are justifiably proud of the transformation they have brought about in manner areas of their national life since General Franco's death in 1975, and they have seized on the symbolic significance of this year,

the 500th anniversary of Christo-

pher Columbus's discovery of the

Enormous sums of money have been spent on building new roads, railway lines, airport and port buildings, telecommunications facilities and hotels for the year's two big events: Expo '92, the world fair that will be held in Seville from April 20 to October 12, and the Olympic Games, to take place in Barcelona from July 25 to August 9. In Madrid, which is European cultural capital for the year, museums, theatres, concert hails and sarks are being refurbished and

There is nothing half-hearted about the way the Spaniards have gone about all this. They have been ambitious and enthusiastic, and that has made them an easy target for carping when things have gone wrong. The year is important for them, however, both politically and psychologically.

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They are a proud people, conscious of better days in the past, and it hurt them to be seen for so long as an economic and cultural backwater, in the grip of a backward-looking dictatorship, while across the Pyrenees deanocratic Western Europe was surging ahead.

José Maria Alvarez del Manzano, the mayor of Madrid, says: "We had to beg to be admitted to Europe, when once we were rulers in Europe."

He points out of his window at a medieval tower on one side of the Plaza de la Villa. "That is where the French King François 1er was

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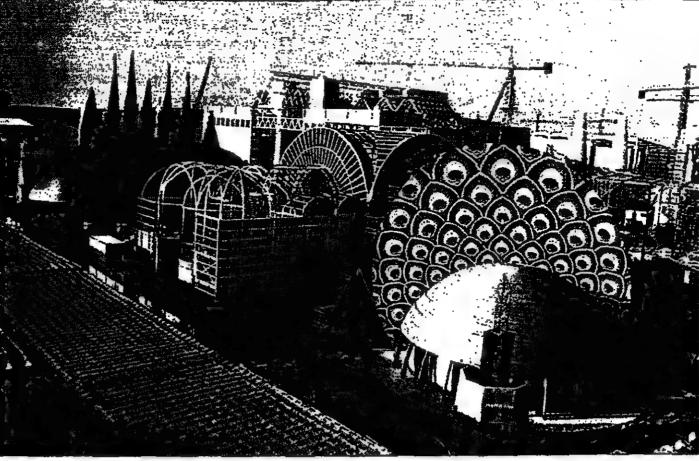
There is a general belief that Spain has now put the bad days behind it, and that the world should be encouraged to come and see. Narcis Serra, the deputy prime minister, says this is a turning point in Spain's history. There are, he says, four principal areas of achievement: Spain now has a young, but mature and functioning democracy. It has achieved "a certain performance" in the economic area; it has succeeded in structuring internal relations between the centre and the regions; and it has a presence

in Europe, as an active member of the European union being built. Joan Maragall, the mayor of Barcelona, goes further. Spain, he says, has resolved issues that go back to 1812, when the first modern, liberal constitution was signed. For more than a century and a half the country had been bedevilled, not just by political instability, but by such questions as relations between church and state, land reform and freedom of expression. These are no longer in

All is not cuphoria, however. People are painfully aware of the continuing arrocities committed by Eta, the terrorist movement that demands Basque independence, and of the growth of drug trafficking and addiction, a new phenomenon in Spain. There are the tensions caused by immigration, mainly from North Africa, which is also new in a country more used to emigration than immigration.

In the economic area, Spain achieved rapid rates of growth during the 1980s, and began to catch up its richer partners in the European Community, which it joined in 1986.

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Pavilion spectacular: Expo '92, running from April until October in Seville, is Spain's way of showing itself off to the world

continuing process of modernisation. There is a widespread fear that the Spanish economy will have difficulty in meeting the challenge of international competition in the future.

The European single market will come into effect next year, and further themands will be made as the EC moves towards economic and monetary union. Spain is determined to be up with the leaders, but people know that the going is likely to be rough.

Senor Serra admits he sometimes feels that Spain is trying to

go too fast. Professor Cayetano Lopez Martinez, the rector of the Autonomous University of Madrid, is even more pessimistic. "The changes in Spain are spectacular," he says. "But they are not deep enough. I am not sure that scientific power and education in Spain approach those of the rest of Europe, and that will be

crucial for the future. Spain's capacity for real competition in industry is not great enough.

"We still have the burden of the 19th century — corrupt regimes, the buying of votes, the strong, and bad, influence of the Church. We have to fight against the inertia of history."

For the moment, however, there is much to celebrate, as any comparison with the Spain of, say. 20 years ago will show. Alejandro Rojas Marcos, the mayor of Seville, points out that he was arrested three times for opposition to Franco, and spent a month in prison. Since then, the political transformation has been total, from dictatorship to a democratic system, which, although it is now dominated by one party, the Socialists (PSOE), and although there have been some well publicised cases of corruption, has proved its stability.

The economic improvement was less sudden, as it had already begun under Franco in the 1960s. However, it has accelerated dramatically during the past decade, and most Spaniards live far better than they did.

Señor Serra's third point, relations between the centre and the regions, is significant because that is an area in which some of the biggest changes have taken place. Spain is a country of great diversity, in which there have always been disputes between the central government in Madrid and regions, such as Catalonia and the Basque country, that have a strong sense of identity, and a language, of their own.

Devolution of power from the centre was one of the causes of the Civil War of 1936-9, and after his victory Franco clamped down on any demonstration of regional identity. Efforts were made to

showing itself off to the world stamp out the Basque and Catalan languages. The harshness of Franco's policy, which went against the tolerance often shown for regional rights in Spanish history, led to the creation of Eta by Basque extremlsts, as well as less significant independence movements in Cata-

lonia and in Galicia, which also

has a language of its own.

Since 1979 Franco's policy has been reversed and autonomy granted, first to the Basque country, Catalonia and Galicia, and subsequently to 14 other regions. This devolution is felt to have been a success. Devolution has not removed all grievances between Madrid and the regions, but it has transferred decision-making on many issues to the regions, and provided an institutional framework for discussing differences.

In the Basque country. Eta continues to be a serious menace, as it does throughout the country.

but its political base has been undermined and its appeal weakened. There is now a Basque regional government, headed by the Partido Nacional Vasco. a long-established and moderate Basque nationalist party, and every significant party in the region except Herri Batasuna, generally associated with Eta, has condemned terrorism.

The regional structure is not static. Every region has its own statute of autonomy, with a list of powers that varies from one to another. Discussion is now continuing on a new agreement, which will transfer new powers, including responsibility for education, to regions with less autonomy. At the other end of the scale, Catalonia, which considers that it is a special case because of its history, and which already has greater powers than most of the other regions, is pressing for new ones.

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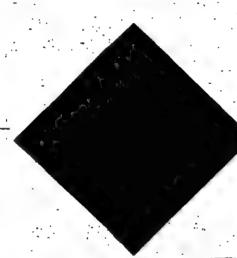
Señor Serra's final point, and another area of achievement by democratic Spain, is relations with the rest of Europe. In Franco's day, Europe was for most Spaniards an ideal world on the other side of the Pyrenees. Now that it has become a member of the EC. Spain has not only come out of its isolation, but experienced great improvement in its standard of living. Europe and the concept of European unity have continued to have a special appeal. Spaniards are proud to consider themselves Europeans.

t EC meetings Spain is an enthusiastic European. It has also pressed for extra financial help for the poorer countries, of which it is the leader. At the Maastricht summit in December it persuaded its partners to agree to set up a new Cohesion Fund, intended to help itself, the Irish Republic, Portugal and Greece, though no amounts were agreed.

The government is often able to present unpopular internal policies, particularly in the economic field, as being required by Spain's membership of the EC. It is keen, however, not to cause a revulsion against EC.

Señor Serra emphasises that, although economic measures may be necessary to bring Spain into line with the other members, they are needed in any case for the process of modernising Spain.

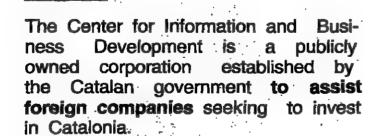




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Left in the centre, right out in the cold

ose Maria Aznar, lead-er of the main opposivative Popular Party (PP), put it succinctly earlier this month. "We have to learn to fall in love again", he said, "with politics, democracy and

Señor Aznar was speaking during the regional election campaign in Catalonia. He identified a disenchantment that has become pronounced in Spanish political life over the past couple of years and is reflected in two trends: the increasingly bitter relations between the main political parties, and the growing gap between politicians and the

people they represent.
It is partly explained by the fact that, after almost ten years of rule by the Socialists,

led by Felipe González, the prime minister, the chances of anyone removing them from power in the foreseeable future are remote. The Spanish political system is, as a result, fossilised, and the opposition parties are more and more frustrated by their inability to effect change.

Faced with this reality, the PP has concentrated its attack on the one area in which it believes the government to be vulnerable - the prolifera-tion of scandals that have dogged Spanish political and financial life in recent times. The latest affair involves allegations of "insider trading" and of shady connections, officially denied, between Mariano Rubio, the governor of the Bank of Spain, and Ibercorp, a small investment



Political Goliath: Felipe González has no real challengers

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Socialist party, have become a class apart from the rest of

society, seemingly able to do what they like with impunity.

This image of modern Spain, of a society in which rulers and ruled have become

divorced, is denounced not

only by the PP, but by a press that is capable nowadays of

lez has repeatedly accused the

PP of trying to make political

of corruption than any other

democratic country," he says.
"What lies behind all this is

The PP vehemently denies

this charge. Where there is

corruption, it says, the party

has a democratic duty to denounce it. The resulting

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The election of members of the Constitutional Court, for instance, has been blocked for weeks because of the deterioration in relations between the Socialists and the PP. When Señor González and Señor Aznar met recently to sign a new agreement affecting the regional govern-ments of Spain, it was their first face-to-face encounter for more than a year.

digging up almost daily dirt about people in high places. It is something that concerns and angers Señor González. Still only 50, despite his ten years in office, Señor Gonzáhe paralysis of polit-ical life and the lack of a real political alternative to the Socialists pose problems that even Senor González is precapital out of cases of alleged corruption in Spain. This country has no more, though probably no fewer, examples pared to admit. The institubetter, and the political cli-mate would be much calmer", he declared, "if the opposition had real expectations of power. But they seem the desperation of an opposi-tion that realises that it has little chance of coming to incapable of creating an alter-native in which even their own voters can believe."

This is the essential weak ness of the Spanish political system at the moment. The object and Señor González is a political Goliath whom Señor Aznar simply cannot

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Rally for victory: but the gap is growing between politicians and the people they have been elected to represer topple. It is partly a question-of personality. Although younger than Senor Gonzánational scene, and heads the autonomous government of Galicia, in northwestern

Spain. But he has the discon-certing knack of making statements in public that

blatantly contradict the poli-

It is also partly that Señor Aznar is handicapped by having to work in the still far-reaching shadow of the previcies pursued by his successor. Personalities apart, there is another, more fundamental, reason why, in the foreseeable ous PP leader, Manuel Fraga future, it will be difficult for Iribame. Once a minister the opposition to break the under Franco, Señor Fraga is mould and come to power in

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ferences between left and right have, as elsewhere in Europe, disappeared.

The government is socialist in nothing but name, and has taken the centre ground of liberal capitalism, the traditional reserve of the Spanish

At the same time, since the Roman Catholic Church deliberately withdrew from the political fray during the final prived of the ideological ment that, in the past, bou t together and distinguish it from the left.

With the right unable appeal to traditional Catho values and the Socialists (ing a decent job in t nurturing of capitalism, seems that Spanish conserv tives may continue to fu themselves on the opposition benches in the Cortes f

Happy to be Europeans

Once the least continental of

countries, Spain is now among the EC's most enthusiastic members

been its metamorphosis from the pariah of Europe into one of the most active and determined members of the European Community. It joined the EC only six years ago, but it is very much a part of the

Spain continues to cherish its relations with the Spanishspeaking countries of Latin America, although for sentimental rather than practical deeply concerned about the prospect of turbulence in North Africa. However, Europe has become the principal focus of its foreign

Spain's ambition to become more European than the Europeans, to throw in its lot with the political and economic destiny of the EC. can only be properly ex-plained by those dark days of isolationism experienced during the Franco dictatorship. To belong to the democratic club of European nations was the most obvious way to consolidate the new Spanish society that was emerging after 40 years of authoritarian rule, and to exorcise the old demons which had bedevilled Spanish political life for

so long.
"We distrusted ourselves," says Eduardo Punset, a member of the European Pariiament, who was minister for relations with Europe when Spain first applied to join the club in the late 1970s. "All we had to do was look at our history, and realise that we did not have a very good record of democracy. When told that Brussels could do it for us, we thought it would be better than anything we had had in the past here."

lifteen years on, that judgment has proved to have been sound. have been sound. Membership of the Community is paying handsome dividends, 100, in terms of political consensus. Felipe González, Spain's prime minister for the past "European" decade, has watched over his country's graduation from apprentice to professional in the Community stakes.

"Spanish public opinion". Señor Gonzalez says, "has always favoured our integration into Europe, as a way of bringing a relatively backward country into line with much more developed countries - politically, institutionally, socially and economi-

cally".
The process of catching up with the rest of Europe has been swift. Since its accession in 1986, the prosperity of Spain has advanced, when compared with the average level of all the EC countries, by at least one percentage point a year. It now stands

near the 80 per cent mark on the European ladder.

Spaniards have also learns how to earn their keep by acquiring the skills of their new European trade. They have proved tough and successful negotiators in the corridors of European politics.

None more so than Carlos Westendorp, the Spanish minister for Europe, who spent his formative political years in Brussels as Spain's representative to the Community before and after the country's accession. Seños Westendorp was at Señor González's side at the Maastricht summit last December, when Spain persuaded the rest of the EC to accept, albeit only in principle, Madrid's plan for a Cohesion Fund.

It was a considerable coup for Spanish diplomacy to extract promises of cash from the richer members of the Community to help the poorer, in a sort of inter-state compensation fund not dissimilar to the one that operates within Spain itself.

eñor Westendorp came to negotiating the fund, he took a leaf out of the British book. "In European affairs, we have learnt a lot from the United Kingdom negotiators," he says. "You have to have a strategic plan and follow it through. Two years ago we started trying to persuade our partners that cohesion' was necessary.

"At first we got a negative response, but we persevered and in the end we got, not everything we wanted, but a

For the time being, the Cohesion Fund is an empty box which has to be filled. However, whatever the amount finally settled upon over the next couple of months, as the EC haggies over the financial re-structuring of its financial affairs, it is likely that Spain will receive 60 per cent of the new fund.

On its own, this will not be enough to overcome the eco-nomic challenges Spain still has to face, not only as the competition of the European single market begins to bite, but also as the country prepares for what Señor González calls its A-levels: the convergence criteria to be mer by 1997 if it is to be a full participant in economic and monetary union.

Señor González is confident, however, that Spain is up to this new European challenge. "We are a country", he says, "with vitality and a capacity to grow." He predicts that with discipline Spain can bring inflation. currently at 6.8 per cent. under control, and that by 2000 it will be in the front rank of European nations.

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... while Jane Monahan explains public purse strings are to be tightened even more to bring down inflation and meet the EC's requirements

Axe hangs over spending

he Cortes, the Span-ish parliament, have had before them this month a five-year convergence plan intended to prepare Spain for entry into the next phase of the European Community's economic and monetary union in 1997. This is a government priority, and the intention of Carlos Solchaga, the economy min-ister, is that the plan should be rigorously implemented. In particular, he wants a

drastic overhaul of public spending. This is considered vital if Spain is to take part in the EC's integration process as a member of the first league of member countries. on which Felipe González, the prime minister, is insisting. One of the conditions for that is that the budget deficit must be brought down to less than 3 per cent of gross national product. In 1991, it stood at 4 per cent, including spending by the regional

Another voice calling for a curb on state spending has been Mariano Rubio, the governor of the Bank of Spain. Restrictive monetary policies, such as keeping in-terest rates high, cannot on their own reduce inflation. and the inflation rate also has to be brought down if Spain is to be in the EC's first league. At the end of February there was an annual inflation rate of 6.8 per cent, and this needs to be reduced to 3 per cent if Spain's inflation is to match that of the EC's economically stable countries

The causes of Spanish in-

Solchaga and Seilor Rubio are the first to admit. One reason is the continuation of monopolistic price practices in a range of services such as hotels and resturants, house repairs and private teaching, all of which have stayed immune to competition. One of the goals of the convergence plan is that they should be liberalised.

Another factor is wage levels, and the government has recommended that pay rises should not exceed 6 per cent this year. This to judge by transport strikes in February in Madrid and Barcelona. A three-week strike by underground workers in Madrid ended only when the city hall agreed to pay rises of 8

ed to balance the budget better is the planned floating of between 10 and 20 per cent of the shares of such profitable

state concerns as Repsol, the national oil company, and Endesa, the public deciricity utility. The flotations will leave the state with a controlling, though not necessarily a majority, interest in the companies. The government will also make more of an effort to prevent tax fraud, which is

Señor Solchaga hás raied out increasing taxes as a way



The Seat works producing for Spain: economic growth remains high

of balancing the budget, how-ever, so that the main focus of policy will be on a reform of

public spending.
Spain has already had to limit state subsidies м a result of its EC membership. State aid is now restricted to a few loss-making companies that are vital for jobs because of where they are, or which are in crisis for structural reasons the government's control. The loss-making companies are in steel, special

steels, shipbuilding, textiles

and coal mining.

Even there, continued subsidies are conditional on thousands of job cuts. For example, 5,900 jobs are to be phased out at Hunosa, the state mining group in the Asturias, which now runs up the kind of annual losses that no government can support for long: 63 billion pesetas (£340 million) in 1990.

This restructuring of mines traditional

cially as the economy as whole has slowed down. The growth rate has dropped from the 1990 to 2.5 per cent in 1991. The government has projected a rate of 3 per cent for this year. Unemployment rose in January for the fifth consecutive month, and the official rate for the country as a whole is now 15 per cent.

Despite the decelera-tion, however, Spain's mains one of the highest in the EC.

Several economists have doubts about the accuracy of the official unemployment figure, because of the black economy and moon-lighting by social security recipients. It is small wonder, then, that another area in which Señor Solchaga is keen to reform public

spending is unemploy-ment benefits. This is not only to prevent fraud, but also to ensure that such money is

used more productively.

He has proposed linking unemployment benefits to attendance at professional training programmes, which should be financed, at least in part, by the private sector.

The government is offering private companies a number of tax incentives to set up training programmes, and also to set aside resources for investment in research and

However, a recent report by the ministry of industry. based on a survey of Spanish companies in 19 sectors. found that practically no Spanish businesses used

The report said that they had not used the opportunities presented by the five year economic boom to invest in improvements in the quality of their products, in developing their distribution networks, or in increasing their saies abroad.

Instead, according to the report. Spanish companies continued putting their efforts into the domestic economy, seemingly unaware that the protectionism of the past was well and truly over in the rest of Europe.

The report also found that sales of technology products by Spanish companies abroad covered only 29 per cent of Spain's imports of technology in 1991, com-pared with an average cover-age in such trade of between 60 and 90 per cent for italy. Britain and France

This was the principal reason, it said, why so many Spanish companies were sold to foreigners.

Another recent analysis of the economy, commissioned by Banco Blibao Vizcaya, concludes that the only business with potential that will still be Spanish-controlled, as opposed to being controlled by multinationals, when the EC's single European market begins next year, will be fruit and vegetables. multinationals, when the



The Madrid catwalk: fashion in Spain has its own style

Dressing up at the double

Spanish fashion goes on show twice a year, even though it lacks the

glamour of France and Italy

S panish fashion may glimmer against the dazzling chic of Paris and Milan, but few countries can boast two major fashion shows. The Spanish kick off their fashion season with the Gaudi showing in Barcelona, and follow a week later with Cibeles in Madrid. However, tightening purse-strings and rivalry between Spain's two main cities have sparked a battle of the catwalks.

"Little by little the market for women's fashion has shifted towards Madrid, while that for men has stayed in Barcelona," says Teresa Martinez, of ICEX, the official export body, based in Madrid. In Barcelona the show is split into Gaudi Hombre for men and Gaudi Mujer for women. Juan Ca-nals, who heads Gaudi Mujer, says there is room for Gaudi and Cibeles: "Each fashion show has its own public, its own designers."

Catalan designers tend to from the rest of Spain at Cibeles. Both have their share of talent, but many in the fashion industry believe talent is not the decider.

Cibeles receives three times more government funding than Gaudi Mujer. As a result, the inter-

national buyers go to Cibeles, al-though for men's fashion they atmust look tend Gaudi Hom-bre. Barcelona reto their mains defiant. laurels as however, reminding the world of its frontiers roots as the heart of the Spanish fall'

textile industry.

The bright lights of Spanish fashion have many different backgrounds. They include a former rock musician, a dancer, a motorcycle designer, and the daughter of an Argentine

diplomat and a Polish count. These are unlikely beginnings for designers whose creations are paraded by leading models such as Linda Evangelista, but Spanish fashion for women emerged only with Madrid's cultural boom of the 1980s. In Franco's time, women would visit their modista, or dressmaker, clutching the latest Paris fashion pictures.

Even so, the designers feel left out in the cold. One designer says: "Madrid has thrown money at Cibeles, paying for designers to set up their shows and flying in buyers from around the world. But no attention has been paid to improving the fashion infrastructure." Many have linked up with international Italian or Japanese names to ensure quality manufacturing that meets sale order deadlines.

Antonio Miro, for instance, the long established king of Barcelona fashion, who was once a member of a rock group, has joined forces with Ermenegildo Zegna, the Italian fashion house, for his men's collection, though his women's clothing is still produced in Spain.

Since opening Groc, his shop in the Rambla de Catalunya, in the late 1960s, Miro has gone from strength to strength. His women's designs use plain colours and

have a strong, masculine cut, with such intriguing details as a discreet slash from neck to midriff. He has also designed the uniforms for the opening ceremony of the Olympics. Most Catalan designers

arrived on the scene in the 1980s. Armand Basi, the clothing company, brought in Chu Otuz, a 30-year-old former architecture and industrial design student, who has won prizes for his motorcycle designs. His graphic styles, worn by Ma-donna, are Spain's answer to London's street fashion. The message is: girls just want to

Lydia Deigado, a former dancer and photographer, is playing a different game. She has stayed small and at home. She shuns big financial backers who, she says, would "complicate her life", and operates from a small shop in a narrow street in a fashionable district of Barcelona. the "little black dress" are sold off the peg or made to measure in the tradition of

the Spanish modista.

Cibeles's showpiece is the classic collection of Loewe, the Madrid fashion house that was set up in 1846 by a

rant and now has Designers 30 shops outside Spain. Adolfo Dominguez, who also shows at Cibeles, was one of the first Spanish designers to follow Loewe abroad Like Roberto Verino, who sells his prèt-à-porter in El Corte Ingles, the department store, Dom-

inguez comes from Galicia. His subdued colours verge on

the sombre, reflecting the

green countryside and grey

clouds of his native region. His styles are safe — some say unadventurous, others practical and wearable. For a rare stice of Mediterranean colour in Spanish fashion, Victorio y Lucchino (José Victor Rodriguez Caro and José Luis Medina del Corral) find their inspiration in the fiery gypsy folklore of their native Andalusia, from

where they make the twice-yearly trek to Cibeles. Their clothes sing of frills, mantilla lace and party spirit.

Not all Spanish designers have stayed at home. Sybilla, who is Spanish at heart, though born in New York and Argentine and Polish by birth, has moved into the Milan circuit after her linkup with Gibo, the Italian group whose star is Jean-Pierre Gaultier.

Sybilla, who trained with Yves Saint-Laurent in Paris, is seen as the most original of the Spanish designers. She has built up a fashion empire estimated at £1.5 million, and sells her designs in 140 shops around the world. She no longer shows in Spain, al-though she has kept her Madrid base.

As Europe's frontiers fall, and the big French and Italian names of fashion move into Spanish markets, all Spain's designers will have to look to their laurels.

GEORGINA POWER



Peter Strafford looks at three cities steeped in history and tradition which will provide the stage for this year's celebrations

An operatic setting for world fair

Setting for at least 17 operas, including The Marriage of Figaro, Fidelio, The Barber of Seville and Carmen. It is not hard to see why. The old centre of the city is a picturesque maze of narrow streets, with houses painted white and othre, ironwork balconies, little squares with fountains and coloured tiles, and, everywhere, orange-trees. There is flamenco dancing in little

Like other Andalusian cities. Seville was marked by the long Moorish presence in Spain. The Barrio de Santa Cruz, once the Jewish quarter, is flanked on one side by the huge Gothic cathedral, whose bell-tower, known as the Giralda, was originally the minaret of a Moorish the Alcazar, a fortress-palace which also dates back to Moorish times, but was re-built, in Moorish style, by Pedro the Cruel, King of

greater contrast between this picture-book Spain, with its theatrical quality, and the ultra-modern world fair, Expo '92, which is about to open on its outskirts on April reasons for holding the fair in Seville, and one of the stron-gest was its links with Christopher Columbus, and with the

Spain 500 years ago.
Columbus set sail on his first voyage to the New World from Palos, a small port west of Seville. He later worked on sian monastery, or Cartuja, of Santa Maria de las Cuevas on the outskirts of the city, and was buried there for a time. In the 16th century, during Spain's Golden Age, Seville

fore, on the Isla de la Cartuia a stretch of land which, until building started, had nothing on it but the monastery. The Cartuja itself, carefully restored, is to be its centrepiece, and King Juan Carlos will use it to entertain official guests. Alongside will be the daz-

ziing array of late 20th-century architecture with which contemporary Spain, together with 109 other countries, 23 international national corporations, is promoting itself. Altogether there will be 95 pavilions. This is one less than originally planned because the Dis-coveries pavilion, put up by the Spanish organisers, burnt down last month, but it is still hition of this kind.

Some of the best-known architects in the world been asked to design these buildings. The British pavilion, for instance, is by Nicholas Grimshaw. Fully-grown trees, shrubs and plants have been imported on to the site. temper the fierce sun of southern Spain by providing water, shade and, in the covered spaces, a flow of air. Overhead there will be cablecars that will give visitors a bird's-eye view of the site.

The Isla de la Cartuja is an artificial island, which lies between the old course of the Guadalquivir river, close to the centre of Seville, and a new course to which it was prevent flooding. Water flows along both, and seven new bridges, all built specially for the exhibition, now cross the Guadalquivir at various points. From Expo it is pos-sible to look back across the river and see the Giralda



Inspiring sight: the Giralda, once the minaret of a mosque

economic reason for the choice of Seville as the site of Expo. In recent centuries the city has come down in the world, like the rest of Andalusia, and the whole region was badly in need of an economic fillip. Expo has been used, therefore, both by Madrid and by the regional and city governments, as an opportu-nity to provide Seville and Andalusia generally with the

facilities that they need.

The public works have been unending, but new roads have been constructed, new hotels built, and by virtue of the new bridges, and the removal of railway lines, rundown areas have been rejuve-

Seville has finally been giv-en a theatre, the Teatro de la

Maestranza, at which opera

can be performed.
Further afield, there are
new motorways and dual
carriageways, and the airport controversially, because it is regarded by many outside Andalusia as a waste of public money, a high-speed train is to run on special track beween Seville and Madrid. There are two main aims:

to provide Andalusia with the modern communications which it needs, to link it with other parts of Spain and the rest of Europe; and to draw attention to the advantages investors. After Expo is over the Isla de la Cartuja will have a new role as a high-technol-ogy research centre.

Olympian pride in the future

here are some patriotic Catalans who claim gion, is not just a rival of Madrid, but "capital of the Mediterranean". It is a buoyant and attractive city that has always claimed to be more European in its outlook than Madrid, and it has been a hive of activity — and disruptive roadworks — since it was chosen as the site for this year's Olympic Games, to be held from July 25 to

August 9.

It has a new airport terminal designed by Ricardo Bofill, the Spanish architect. a new communications tower by Norman Foster of Britain, and a new system of ring roads. It even has a new strip of coastline, with beaches and a marina, that has been opened up by the removal of a railway line that used to cut the city off from the sea.

The Olympic Games have provided the motivating force for public works that were in any case needed if Barcelona compete in the European single market. But Joan Maragall, the mayor, says confidently that much would

Barcelona is an old city founded as Barcino by the Romans, which became a power throughout the Mediterranean in the 13th and 14th centuries. It prides itself on having its own language, Catalan, which was supdictatorship, but has flowered since democracy returned to Spain after Franco's death,

and is now the first language. The city has several different faces. In its centre it is a well-preserved and evocative medieval town whose Barri Gotic, or Gothic quarter, has small squares and narrow streets lined with palaces and townhouses, elegant court-yards, and a cathedral and

tive Catalan Gothic style. The ancient palace of the

Generalitat, the government of Catalonia, and the equally imposing city hall confront each other across the Placa Sant Jaume. In the current state of Catalan politics they are held by opposing parties. Jordi Pujol, who was recently reelected premier of the region of Catalonia, heads Convergencia i Unio, the moderate nationalist party, while Señor Maragall is a specialist and necrosily than socialist, and normally they are at odds. But their differences have been put aside in the preparations for the Olympic Games.

Further out are the wide boulevards that were built when the city expanded in the 19th century, and that have many of the masterpieces built by Antoni Gaudi and other Catalan architects of the late 19th and early 20th centuries — most spectacular-ly. Gaudi's still unfinished church of the Sagrada Familia, whose eight eccen-tric spires soar above the city. On the edge of the Barri

Gotic, following the line of the old city wall, are the Ramblas, a broad street with trees, newspaper kiosks, flower stalls and the constant cheeping of small birds being offered for sale in cages, na like to stroll at all hours of the day and night.

Like Madrid, Barcelona

has become an influential centre for the arts, fashion and design, with an interna-tionally known opera house, the Liceu, in the Ramblas, museums and art galleries. It has exceptional collections of both Romanesque and Goth-ic paintings from the great days of Catalonia, a museum



Final touches: the spires of Gaudi's Sagrada Familia

Catalan, and a Picasso musethat Picasso, though born in Malaga, spent much of his early life in Barcelona.

Economically, the city and its suburbs are the dominant economic force in Catalonia. one of the most industrialised regions in Spain, which prides itself on accounting for about 25 per cent of the Spanish economy, while hav-ing only 16 per cent of the population. Catalonia's economic strength has attracted immigrants from Andalusia,

ished parts of Spain. Señor Maragall has ambi-tious plans for Barcelona. He sees it as a key participant in a wider economic zone including north-eastern Spain and stretching across the Pyre-

The principal site for the Olympic Games will be Montjuic, a hill that overlooks Barcelona from the

> The main stadium, origi nally built for earlier games in 1929, has been extensively

a new sports hall designed by Arata Isozaki, the Japanese architect, and a new sports university designed by Bofill. Several other sites, in and

be used for different events. The Olympic village, where the athletes will stay, will be on the new coastal strip, with its own beaches, and after the Games are over the apart-ments will be sold as residen-

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The capital of the arts

osition il once hag as on of Europe's liveliest cities, with a reputation in the arts, fashion and design. As the Spanish capital, it was always an imposing city, with the Prado and numerous other museums, but in Franco's day Barcelona had a more active outtural life.

That changed in the 1980s, when Madrid was gripped by the movida, or cultural whiri, and exhibitions and shows of all sorts began to be held throughout the city. The great north-south avenue, which begins as the Castellana, runs past the Prado, and ends in what used to be the run-down Atocha district, became the focal point. Arco, a display of contemporary art by dealers from round the world, became an annual event.

This year Madrid is to be European cultural capital, in succession to Glasgow and Dublin, and all the stops are being pulled out. Altogether some 1,800 events are promised by the organisers, includ-ing picture exhibitions, theatre, music, dance, and even a "gastronomic Olympic Games", in which there will be a competition between cooks from the various Span-

ish regions.

There will be a new museum, on city life in Madrid, a new theatre, a new open-air concert hall, and five new parks. Several old buildings will be refurbished, including the Panaderia palace, which dominates the Plaza Mayor in the centre of old Madrid. Built in the 17th century, like the rest of the square, the palace is to be a cultural

The main amraction, as always, will be the Prado, one of the great museums of the world, with its wealth, not just of Spanish painters — among them Velázquez, Goya, El Greco, Murilio and Zurbarán — but also of Italian, Flemish and Dutch masters. From May 30 to August 25 it will have a special exhibition of Jusepe de Ribera. The Prado is complemented by the Reina Sofia art centre, named after Queen Sofia, which was set up in 1983 in what had been Madrid's general hospital.

Built in the 18th century this is a large, tall and solid building with vaulted rooms and corridors. It needed only



The Puerta de Toledo: one of the 1992 European cultural capital's attractions

the installation of lifts, which now shoot up and down transparent shafts on the outside of the building, to provide a roomy setting for contemporary art.
At any one time there may

be as many as four or five simultaneous exhibitions under way, and the intention is to transfer the state collection of contemporary art to the Reina Sofia.

The other high spot, still not open, will be the collection of paintings which Baron Thyssen Bornemisza has agreed to transfer to Madrid. The Villahermosa palace, near the Prado, is being refurbished so that it can take the collection, and madrileños pride themselves on the thought that this will make their city even more of a Mecca for an art-lover.

Madrid does not have the immediate charm of, say, Seville or Barcelona. But it has attractive parks, especial-

ly the Parque del Retiro, with its lakes, gardens and long, tree-lined walks. The old part of the city, around the Plaza Mayor, is an appealing warren of narrow streets lined with shops, tapas bars and restaurants, where life goes on late into the night in a crowded. intimate

Muchad was created almost from nothing to be Spain's national capital. In the early 16th century, when Toledo and Valladolid, Barcelona and Seville were all important cities, it was no more than a small town, dominated by an Alcázar, or fort, that had originally been built as a defence by the Moors.

It had the advantage, how ever, of being in the geographical centre of the country. So in. 1561, when Philip II decided that he needed a fixed capital, instead of travelling from place to place as his predecessors

had done, he picked Madrid. There is still a metal plate, set into the pavement in the Puerta del Sol, marking the point from which all distances are measured.

In past centuries the Plaza Mayor became the setting for public festivities, and also for some of the grimmest scenes in Spanish history. Public executions took piace in the square, and the Inquisition held its autos da fe, or trials, there. The burnings of those found guilty were carried out running along the line of the present-day Castellana

The Puerta del Sol, nearby, is the traditional centre of the city. It was the setting for the street fighting that took place between the citizens of Madrid and the occupying French troops on May 2, 1808, and was made famous



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Remote heartland hides historic treasures

Far away from the crowded tourist resorts lies Extremadura, writes Peter Strafford.

The region is full of ancient towns that gave birth to the hardy adventurers who conquered the Americas for Spain

pain has made a point in the last few years of trying to attract visitors away from the beaches and into its less-known interior. It is not possible to get much further from the coasts than Extremadura, a region in the heart of the country that is still little developed and is full of echoes of Spain's tumultu-

Even the name of Extremadura has a remote and forbidding sound to it. It is one of Spain's poorest regions, lying on the border with Portugal, and this

brought it its main claim to fame. Many of the conquiswho crossed the Atlantic to conquer the 16th century, were emigrants from the bleak con-

gainst the Moors.



ditions of Extremadura. They took with them the toughness and rapacity they had acquired there earlier in the wars

Francisco Pizarro, the con-queror of Peru, came from the old town of Trujillo, and a statue of him on horseback dominates its main square. Opposite is a palatial townhouse built by his family, with Indians in chains decorating the escutcheon.

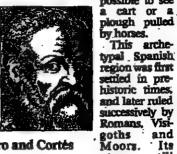
Hernán Cortés, the conqueror of Mexico, also came from Extremadura, from Medellin, and so did Vasco Nunez de Balbos, who discovered the Pacific, and Francisco de Orellana, who first sailed down the Amazon.

Yet the region is not quite as rugged as it sounds. Its name is misleading, because Extremadura means no more than the land beyond the Duero, or Douro, river; the Christians gave it the down from the north in their long struggle to drive the Moors from the peninsula.

Extremadura forms part of Spain's central plateau and has rocky and mountainous areas, but much of it is flat farmland. It has two large rivers, the Tagus and the Guadiana, that flow through it.

The region has one of the world's greatest concentrations of cork trees, which are the basis of a thriving local industry, while vineyards and olive-trees flourish in on the grasslands and it is still

cart or a



Tough: Pizarro and Cortés

towns still carry the marks of this long and varied history.

Merida is a good first stop for the visitor. It is now the seat of the regional government of Extremadura, and in its day was an important Roman metropolis. Founded by Augustus in 25 BC as Augusta Emerita, it was the capital of the province of Lusitania, which included modern Portugal and a chunk of Spain. Towards the end of the Roman period it became the capital of a "diocese" which included the whole Iberian peninsula and part of North

Today it is a small town with a picturesque, almost Andalusian, main square, and some of the best surviving Roman remains in Spain. There is a theatre, complete with a backdrop of marble columns, which is now the setting for a music festival, an arena nearby. and also a temple to Augustus. A Roman bridge more than half



Birthplace of a conqueror: bakers in the old Extremadura town of Trujillo, where Francisco Pizarro, who overran Peru, was born a mile long still strides across the

Guadiana river, with a large Arab alcazaba, or fort, at one end. The nowering columns of a Roman aqueduct, appropriately known as Los Milagros, the miracles, ap-proach across a valley from

Two Roman villas have decorative mosaics, and the newlybuilt, and imposing, National Museum of Roman Art has more, as well as the many other finds made in the area — statues, relief carvings, paintings and glass.

To the north is a different world,

that of the conquistadores. The road is a former Roman trunk road, which the Arabs referred to as balath, or paved, and the

Christians corrupted to plata, so that it is now misleadingly known as the Via de la plata, or "silver

It leads to Caceres, also a former Roman town, but now an evoc-ative walled city with churches, monasteries, palaces and townhouses built with the proceeds of the conquests of the New World. One of these houses, known as the Toledo-Mocrezuma palace, was built by the Toledo family, a forebear of whom, Juan Cano de

Saavedra, had married the daughter of Moctezuma, or Montezuma the last Aztec emperor, and brought her back to Caceres.
The old town of Caceres has been named a World Heritage

originally built by the Arabs, there is an astonishing complex of ildings constructed between the 15th and 18th centuries, largely in

City by Unesco. Within its walls.

a golden-coloured stone which glows in the sunshine. Not many of them are lived in, and that gives the narrow streets and irregular squares the appearance of a stage, or film, set. Elaborate coats of arms have been carved on the townhouses, sometimes on the façades, sometimes

on the outside corners. Up above, wherever there is a church tower, storks have built their nests, and at the right times of year — in January, for example

the air is filled with the strange

clacking they make with their beaks when one of them flies down

to meet its mate on a nest. Not far from Caceres is another survival, and an extraordinarily impressive one, of the Roman period: the Alcantara bridge that spans a gorge of the Tagus. Still in use, nearly 1,900 years after being built by the Emperor Trajan, it has shrine at one end and a triumphal arch in the middle.

The conquistador theme is continued in Trujillo, a few miles in the other direction. It, too, was originally Roman, but the castle built by the Arabs and the towers of the conquistadores now domi-nate Trujillo's hilltop, visible from



The main square, the Plaza Mayor, has a dramatic quality, with the statue of Pizarro, imposing townhouses and the rugged church of San Martin. Up above stone walls still encircle the old

ike Caceres, Trujillo is a town to wander around. There, too, many of the old townhouses, built in more prosperous times, are now empty, and there are vacant spaces around the large Arab castle on the crest of the hill. The narrow, winding streets,

with their stone doorways, recall the days when tough men from Extremadura set off for the hardships of the New World, and those who were successful made their DECEMBER .

Before going, many of them will have visited Guadalupe, now a picturesque little village in the mountains east of Trujillo, which is still dominated by the battle-ments and towers of its haige

its name, originally given to a nearby stream by the Arabs, was taken across the Atlantic by Christopher Columbus, who passed it on to the Caribbean island now known as Guadeloupe.

The village's fame stems from the miraculous discovery of a statue of the Virgin Mary in 1300. Guadatupe became one of the main pilgrimage centres in Spain. and today the monastery is a treasure-house of paintings, manuscripts and embroidered vestments, presented to it over the

Its main cloister and much of its decoration are mudejar, the style taken from the Arabs. The sacristy has one of the best series of paintings by Francisco de Zur-baran, the religious painter known for his many portraits of saints, who came from Extremadura. The paintings in Guadalupe were carried out especially for the monastery, and represent its outstanding priors.

f the arts



come as a surprise. It goes against the traditional images of the country's history: of Christian warriors and castles, El Cid, a reactionary Roman Catholic church, the Inquisition.
Yet 1492 was not only the year of Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New

World. It was also the year of two other important events: the final defeat of Granada. the last Moorish kingdom in the peninsula, and the expulsion of the Jews from Spain. Both events are being commemorated this year, not in a

spirit of triumph, but with a view to making amends for past intolerance. The truth is that for centu-

ries Spain showed an almost studied determination to learn nothing from its Mus-lim and Jewish heritage. Yet there was much to learn. The Muslims, who invaded the peninsula in 711, had by

the end of the first millenni-

um dug canals and irrigated the land, grown grapes and olives, and introduced rice, apricots, peaches, sugar-cane, cotton and oranges to the peninsula. They also produced poets, mathematicians, musicians and astrono-

mers, making Córdoba at one time the most civilised city in western Europe. And they were master-builders. The great

mosque of Córdoba.

the Giralda tower in

Seville and the Alhambra in Granada are reminders of their architectural talents, which continued to be an inspiration to architects even after the Christians completed their reconquest of Spain in 1492. Muslim designs and motifs are to be found in Christian buildings all over the peninsula, including churches and

monasteries. For the half-million Sephardim, as the Jews of Spain were known, 1492 was also a fatal year. They had been resident in Spain far longer, and were far more numerous, than the Muslims.

There was an important Jewish community in Toledo. Under the Muslims the Jews played an important part in the city's affairs, and that continued after the Christian reconquest of Toledo in 1085, when the city became a cosmopolitan centre in which the three religions coexisted.

The expulsion edict of



Spain's Muslim and Jewish heritage is now recognised, writes James Woodall

Muslim reminder: the great mosque of Córdoba

Learning from past cultures

March 31, 1492, was royal legitimation of longentrenched anti-semitism. With the Muslims in Granada ejected from their last stronghold, Isabella and Ferdinand, the victorious Catholic Monarchs, turned their

attention to the Jews. All Sephardim were given the option of converting to Christianity if they wanted to stay in Spain, and many of them took it. But those who decided to remain lived their lives in fear of the Inquisition and its informers, which would seize on any hint that their conversion might not

have been genuine. Like the Muslims, the Jews were skilful builders, though less of their work remains. The two remarkable synagogues in Toledo, now known as El Tránsito and Santa Maria la Blanca, are the best known, though a smaller one in Cordoba is another jewel in the Sephardic crown.

Toledo was also the seat of the famous School of Translators, made up of Muslims, Jews and Christians, which

philosopher, published his Guide for the Perplexed, one of the great spiritual treatises of the medieval era, in Córdoba. Averroes, a Muslim thinker who attained English literary immortality at the end of the 14th century when Chaucer mentioned him in the Prologue to The Canterbury Tales, also lived in that

The achievements of the The extent to which this

had considerable impact on medieval European learning. Maimonides, the Jewish

Muslims and Jews in Spain were broadly cultural, in scholarship, literature, music and architecture. The Jews, however, also made astute financiers for the conquering Christian kings, while the Muslims had long been important traders.

prutually tolerant period has left its imprint on Spain is difficult to assess. It is indisputable that numerous Araac words have filtered through to modern Spanish, while the religious rituals of Andahasia and flamenco, its folk music, owe something to the spirit of Islam.

fertile and, in religious terms

But historians have been debating since the Fifties the respective merits of what can broadly be called the pro Christian and pro-Judaeo-Muslim rendencies.

The first was defined by Claudio Sánchez Albornoz, whose view, supported by historians of his school to this day, was that the Muslim-Jewish strain in Spain's history was an irrelevance. Spain's destiny, he argued, was inex-tricably linked to the concept of unity under one crown and one creed. The 800-year-long campaign to achieve it was

wholly necessary.
The opposing view, expounded by America Castro in The Structure of Spanish History, is that the only way to understand Spain is to acknowledge its many cultural and religious layers, Muslim, Jewish and Christian, and to accept the influence of all of them on the

Spanish psyche. Today Spaniards are more concerned, like other Europeans, with their prosperity, rights, education and health than with being singularly "Spanish", or with a distant Muslim or Jewish past. Both in the education system and in the media there is a

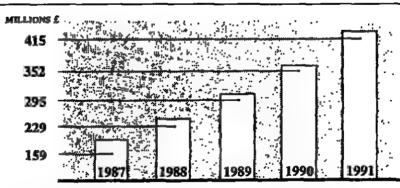
lack of information about Muslim and Jewish Spain. The hope is that the programmes planned for 1992 will provide pointers to that

"Al-Andalus 92, the Rediscovery of Arab Spain" will have its base in Granada. It will include exhibitions and scientific meetings on Muslim Spain, accompanied by moves to forge closer ties with the Muslim nations of North Amica

"Sepharad 92" will be a parallel programme which will have Toledo as its capital. One proposal is to reestablish the School of Translators in the city.

its most dramatic event. however, will be a formal disavowal by King Juan Carlos of the expulsion decree, to take place in a Madrid synagogue on March 31, 500 years to the day since the original order.

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Pounds	1991	(91/90)
Net income (in millions)	£ 415.0	17.9 %
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A pen mightier than the keyboard

panies are starting to use pen-based

computers in the field. Mobil Oil,

for example, is to switch 150

engineers in the company's com-

mercial sales and marketing divi-

sion from creating paper lubrica-tion instructions for customers to

creating the same instructions on the Gridpad, a pen-based computer manufactured by Grid Systems.

The Grid computers are the size

of a thick notebook, with one side

devoted to a screen where the user

writes using a special pen. Mobil

said it wanted to computerise a

labour-intensive process called "do-

ties could take two or three weeks,

with charts drawn by hand on

paper, then sent to headquarters for

transcription by a word processor.

One of the biggest early markets for pen-based computers, however,

is likely to be in the Far East, where

many languages including Japa-nese, Chinese and Korean com-

prise thousands of characters,

making it very difficult to design

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ing charts".

he personal computer industry has for years been looking for ways of making its products easier to use. First it tried changing the layout of the keyboard, but always came back to some variation on the traditional Qwerty style used on

Then came the mouse, which fits in the palm of a hand and lets the user move pictures and text around On the screen by shifting the mouse on top of a desk. Although the mouse and the use of the graphicbased software that goes with it have become commonplace, the mouse is no help for anybody who

does not want to use a keyboard. Enter the electronic pen, a fairly simple and obvious idea but more powerful than it might appear on first inspection. The user controls the system by writing with an electronic pen on a specially developed liquid crystal display flat screen attached to a completely flat computer, which lies underneath

The computer recognises handwriting, so long as it is not joined up, then turns it into standard com-Duter text which can be read, edited or revised by somebody else on a standard personal computer.

into computers that does not include typing or a mouse

replace any other method of inputting information, allowing users to issue commands, and move both text and pictures around the screen - without the need for a mouse or keyboard. Software designers are toying

with other ideas that might make the pen mightier than the keyboard. One of these is the use of gestures", which will allow users to edit material already typed into a computer by making proofreaderstyle marks on the computer screen.

A second innovation is the development of "ink" as a computer data type. This means that the electronic pen can be used to draw pictures and even to write a signature which are stored as drawn and can he combined with text in a

All of these things are a reality in a number of pen-based computing products, the most important of which is Pen Windows from the giant company Microsoft.

"We have 100 people working on " says Bill Gates, the chairman of Microsoft. "I see pen-based computer systems as the next genera-tion of portable computers."

Geof Wheelwright on a method of putting information

Pen-based computers are initially being aimed at giving computational power to those who cannot, because of their jobs, use standard computers with keyboards. This group includes delivery truck drivers, utility meter readers, police officers, poll takers, and others who presently use a dipboard in their normal business functions.

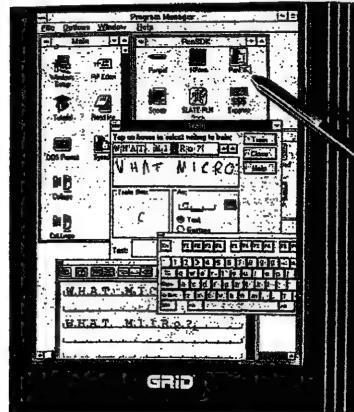
According to NCR, the US computer manufacturer, which has led much of the early market for Pen Windows, pen-based computer testing has shown that companies can save a substantial amount of money by the introduction of penbased systems into paper-intensive

Instead of mobile workers filling out forms and having them keyed into central computer systems when they arrive back at base, they can use pen-based computers to fill and other detailed forms and immediately send their work via keyboards which can be easily used. by the average business person. An electronic pen on the other hand, would, for many, be a much

easier way of computerising their work. In fact it was Sony which pioneered the pen notebook market in 1989 with its Palmtop computer. which can recognise the major 3,535 Japanese characters. Although it also has a built-in microphone and speaker, this is only for recording and playing back up to eight seconds of sound.

There is still some way to go before a solution to the next holy grail of personal computing arrives speech recognition that will require neither keyboard or pen. Recording and recognising speech is more difficult than handwriting recognition and the development of pen-based computers. It requires far more computer power, more memory and better software — all

of which are not yet ready. There are still those who believe that work on both speech recognition and pen-based computing is a step backwards. When the personal computer industry has spent more than a decade getting users com-fortable with Qwerty keyboards. why confuse the issue by handing them old technology such as pens



Write on: the electronic pen, a fairly simple and obvious idea

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Chief executives who use computers are not the IT director's best friend

irectors of information technology who struggle to put per-sonal computers on the desks of their managing directors are misdirecting their efforts. Although some directors believe that involving their bosses directly in technology is good way to make them become warm devotees of the field, a study published this week claims that chief executives who use computers get on worse with those who look

The report, by the Oxford Institute of Management, ex-amined 14 of the largest computers users in the United Kingdom to look at the relationship between chief executives and their information

rectors and how far it affects the way a company handles the area. The companies — which the sponsors of survey, sulting, say must remain

anonymous are rated accordingly. Five are rated as showing all the signs of a happy relationanother

five had only a fair rating, while four are deemed to be distinctly unhapoy Happy IT directors are most likely to have a superior who has a background in market-

ing or management, rather than engineering or other technical areas. "One of the least successful companies had a managing director who used to run the company's information technology department," says Col-

commissioned the survey for the Impact programme.
"It meant that it was not considered necessary to have that director as a member of

However, the view that it is more important for IT directors to have a thorough understanding of their business than technical background, was ound to be false.

"There is a current theory that companies should get a general business person to sort out IT," Mr Palmer says, "but these people are often extremely uncomfortable in dealing vith the rapid pace of technological developments."

A boffin background, however, is no excuse for what managing directors still seem to suffer from, an excess of jargon. "This director discusses in English, not in technobabble, how we might achieve what I want, and why we can't achieve what we

want," one happy managing director says.

"Jargon is still a fear among chief executives." Mr Palmer says, "and is particularly a problem when they meet other people in the computer depart-

But if IT directors can avoid such pitfalls, they can benefit from being seen as more honest and with a higher integrity than other directors. They are one of the few directors who have a broad they see all parts of it and so are often seen by chief executives as much more neutral figures." Mr Palmer says. "But they must have good social skills, which are some-

times SPEAK JARGON? among comput-

The strongest similarity in the happy group was a shared belief of the use of Not surprising ly, nearly all the their field as a the way a busirather than more mundane objectives such as using technology simply as

tive to employing people. As one said, "I don't want to run a data processing department; I want to transform this organ-

Only six of the 14 MDs agreed, however, but this in-

Successful relationships were also more likely in companies with an informal culture that emphasised such things as teamwork, workshops and educational events, compared with the "unhappy" stress formal processes such as regular meetings and prepared presentations.

Although IT directors need not be board members, the report found a clear need for them at least to be part of an inner sanctum. They should not have to wait to prove themselves before being

cannot see the IT director as a 'cabinet' member, the implica-tion is that a new director is needed," the reports says.

A comment likely to cause despondency to hard-pressed computer manufacturers, was the view of one managing director, echoed by others, who defined a good IT direc-tor as one who "won't suggest that each new product heralds a new world order".

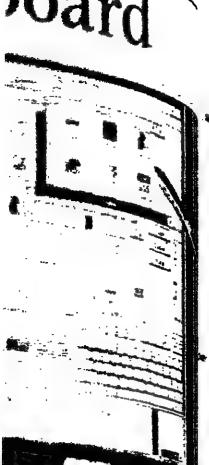
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Which Computer?" Show.

at the "Which" Show (NEC, Birmingham, April 7 to 10). Keynote displays will include E-Mail and V-Mail (Asterix), real time multimedia in Sun Windows (Raster Ops), Document Image cessing (Open Image Systems). Etcetera.



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All change for the new digit

Only two years after London's telephone

numbers were split, BT is planning

another revolution, as Barry Fox reports

Richard Core warning

nybody buying new tele-phone equipment, whether a company switchboard, private payphone or automatic fire or security system. should for many months now have been asking the sales staff some very important questions about

future-proofing.

Anybody designing private or business stationery should be aware that it will need revision in two years' time. Likewise, anyone pay-ing for signs on vans or premises should be leaving space for an

Over the Easter weekend in 1994 all 30 million telephone numbers in the United Kingdom will

I. All stationery and signs will need to be changed, just as they had to be changed two years ago in London when the 01 code split into 071 and 081. Correct numbering really does matter. People dial-

ling without the correct code initially heard a recorded announcement in London. That has now stopped. Incorrect dialling

gets an unobtainable tone. All telephone equipment with a memory, from office switchboards to domestic memory phones, fax machines, computer moderns, automatic fire and burgiar alarms and emergency heiplines for the aged, will need re-programming. For security reasons, alarm sys-

tems are deliberately designed to resist re-programming by anybody other than an authorised engineer. Anybody, anywhere in the world, with UK numbers stored in memory phones, fax machines or computer systems will have to re-program them. Most fax machines, for example, will interpret a recorded announcement as a failed call, and

just keep on trying.

Arguably the most important repercussion of the change will be the need to modify, and in some cases replace, equipment that relies on the first few digits for vital

functions.

Telephone mumbering involves complex mathematics. Oftel took over theoretical responsibility for the job from BT in April 1990.

Although Oftel talks of the new control charge as being from nine. national change as being from nine

change. Every mumber will grow by national change as being from nine an extra "service" or S digit at the to ten digits, the move is in reality from ten to 11 digit working. This is because,

for national dialling the long ling prefix 0
must be added before the ten digits. Much office equipment relies on only the first four digits to control billing and call barring. Add-ing a fifth digit may cause prob-

lems, while

some equipment may not be able to handle more than ten digits. When the change was an-nounced, Oftel, BT and Mercury all scorned industry fears that the cost to subscribers could be many billions of pounds. But none could point to any research on the true cost of the change, or on how much equipment will have to be junked. We won't know until it happens," says Alan Croft, BT's project

change. Mercury says that it is



investigating. Ovum, the consultants, estimate the total cost at about £1 billion, with most on stationery and only a small proportion on hardware.

Richard Cox, of Mandarin Technology, an independent telecom-munications consultancy, has given a warning that all the software modern switchboard equipment relies on to route and bar calls will have to be re-written. The National Computing Centre believes that it could take months and cost up to £100,000 to modify a company's private network of 20 switch-

Mr Cox also says that "smart boxes", which automatically route long-distance calls via Mercury to save money, will need modifica-tion, which could disadvantage Mercury. All private payphones will also need modification because

they use the first four digits of the Britain is badly under-using the

number to charge for calls.

To add to the confusion, the change is likely to be made in two stages, and nobody is sure yet who will be allocated the S-digits 2 to 9. BT has complained that some options would make a smooth changeover from ten to 11 digit working impossible. Some num-bers would get the wrong calls.

his uncertainty also stymies equipment designers. BT is withdrawing one of its own private pay-phones, which will not work with 1 1-digit numbers and is looking at the modifications needed for the others it supplies.

Mr Cox believes that the change is avoidable, and that there are viable alternatives. He has conducted studies which suggest that existing numbering systems. The way in which BT has divided Britain into urban and rural areas uses only 3 per cent of the thousand numbers theoretically available

France achieves efficiency of 16 per cent, the United States 17 per cent and Japan 6 per cent. Mr Cox estimates that if BT revised its existing system, simply by expanding areas with under-used codes, it could provide a further 200 million spare numbers, while still aligning with BT's policy of letting numbers give a rough idea of a subscriber's location. That would be enough to take

Britain through to the turn of the century, when the European Commission in Brussels plans to harmonize the European numbering, requiring yet another change.

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Hi-def success

INVENTORS in America have shown a new type of high-defini-tion television that they say has overcome one of the drawbacks of the current Japanese system.

The American Television Alliance transmitted its digital signal over a Washington TV channel. Though other HDTV systems. such as Japan's NHK system, produce similar film-quality pic-tures they require a special wide signal band to carry the information, something ordinary TV channels do not have.

The system uses digital encoding to squeeze huge amounts of information into the limited bandwidth designed in the 1930s for a squarish black-and-white image.

Looking up

MILITARY aviation technology is about to enter Grand Prix motor racing in the form of a high-technology helmet. GEC Avionics has made helmet-mounted displays for Team Lotus Formula One racing drivers Johnny Herbert and Mika Hakkinen to use in the 1992

The data appears on the visor of the driver's helmet, just as infor-mation is given to pilots of fighter aircraft. The display allows the driver to monitor the car's perfor-mance without looking away from the track.

Making friends NEARLY nine out of ten American electronics companies have formed alliances with rivals and friends to improve their ability to compete, according to a survey of chief executive officers. At the same time, the survey finds, companies are shifting their emphasis from innovation and keeping employee talent to product quality and customer service. The change comes as computer and electronics buyers seek machines that are easy to use,

not just powerful.

In 1991, 73 per cent of the executives surveyed by Ernst & Young reported they were engaged in an alliance with another firm. In the 1992 survey of 455 top electronics executives, 89 per cent reported they had formed alliances.

Database move

MICROSOFT is to buy a small software developer that specialises in database programs, the one significant area in which the world's largest software company has no notable presence. Microsoft will pay about £100 million for the com-

pany, Fox Software, in a move that will put it in direct competition with Borland International, the top maker of database software for personal computers. Borland acquired rival Ashton-Tate last October for £260 million.

Printer challenge

APPLE Computer is to widen its market by selling laser printers for 1BM-compatible personal computers. The £1,700 printer will be a direct challenge to printers pro-duced by Hewlett-Packard, which dominates the market for printers compatible with IBM machines.

Apple has also modified a scan-ner, which can handle black and white images to work with IBMtype PCs.

Plane talking

CONTINENTAL Airlines is to install an air-to-ground telephone system in 78 of its planes from this summer. It will use GTE Airfone's Seattone system, which provides an air-to-ground telephone in each first-class seatback or centre console, and two or more phones in

each row of economy.

Next year, the airline will begin to provide systems that give passengers not only the ability to make phone calls but also personal computer connections and data services at their seats. The system will also provide seat-to-seat calling.

Seeing double

PACIFIC Bell has formed an alliance with IBM and Northern Telecom to research and test technology that could lead to desktop teleconferencing. The companies said the multimedia applications could allow users simply to dial others on their personal computers, see each other and use a shared computer window to edit documents jointly.

Rocketing on AUSTRALIA'S Optus group will

continue with plans for China to launch its first telecommunications satellite, despite a failed attempt on Sunday when the American-made satellite was stranded on the launch ped by a rocket failure. Chinese officials recovered the

satellite, undamaged, from the Long March 2E rocket and Optus expects a further launch to be made in about three months.

The Chinese information ministry said the launch was halted as part of failsafe measures after one of the eight engines on the rocket developed abnormal thrust. The satellite had been scheduled to join orbit with three that provide telecommunications facilities for Australia and New Zealand.

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Selection error reduced England's chances

descended on England's cricket party, as Wednesday's defeat became Thursday's reflection, told of a team which had entered the World Cup not in hope but in expectation.

Another year, in another lace, the role of gallant cup final losers would have been a compliment. The back-siaps and the muttered commiserations would have been received with the modest disappointment of men who knew they had excelled themscives simply by being there when it mattered.

Not here. Not now. England, who are due to arrive at Gatwick airport on Sunday morning on an Air New Zealand flight from Auckland, will fly home burdened, however harshly, by a feeling of

Everyone in this party be-lieved five weeks ago that the World Cup could and would be won, and still believed it going into Wednesday's final against Pakistan.

Eventually, perspective will return. The players will accept that to lose in the final of the only one-day tournament which has any lasting significance, does not detract from the achievements of a tour on which an away Test series was emphatically won and when, for 20 matches of varying

Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, on the final triumph of variety over stereotype

and negativity in the World Cup

lengths and difficulty, the team neither lost nor looked likely to lose. would agree, and with a sense of relief. Lucidly opinionated as ever, Pakistan's captain

They may also accept that they lost the cup final to a more gifted team, a team which had dimbed out of a trough to peak at the perfect moment, whereas England's peak was attained three weeks and six increasingly anxious matches ago.

Just conceivably, England might accept that they contributed to their downfall by picking the wrong team. Dermot Reeve and Richard Illingworth are worthy county cricketers and Reeve. at least, has been consistently useful on this tour. The biggest limited-overs occasion of any of these players' lives, however, is not a time for

Robin Smith and Philip Tufnell are class acts, big-game performers. To leave them out was to accomodate mediocrity when a better alternative existed. Micky Stewart and Graham Gooch, on their last overseas tour together, will live to regret

tional cricket. has decried what he saw as the negative approach of Australia and West Indies in

rounders who do a lime bit of this and that," he said. England did not escape Imran's censures. "In the end," he said, "England struggled because their attack

picking medium-pace all-

rounders rather than special-

ists. "We won't use all-

is basically stereotyped." Tufnell, whose asset is the element of surprise, like Mushtaq Ahmed, rather than the element of predictability, like Illingworth, would surely have done something to cor-

ushtaq will be one of the great attractions in England this summer, when Imran, who manages to conceal his 39 years more successfully than Graham Gooch conceals his 38. leads a Pakistan team which has now fulfilled itself in the one-day arena but still has Test cricket to conquer. Imran remains hopeful that Waqar Younis's back injuries will have healed in time. If so, then with the wickedly talented Wasim Akram, the rapidly improving Aqib Javed and the Qadir-clone Mushtaq, Pakistan will have the best and most varied attack in interna-

That could never be said of New Zealand and yet, in many ways, theirs was the triumph of this World Cup. Obliterated by England to such a degree that Martin Crowe was on the precipice as captain, they revitalised their game quickly and comprehensively. Within weeks, if not days, they were unrecog-

achieved by Dipak Patel's off breaks and the innocent inswing of Chris Harris is symptomatic of a competition in which quality was not paramount. But it was the use of such individually inept components within an innovative team plan which made Crowe the captain of the tournament and made his absence, through injury, when New Zealand took their emotional exit, all the more pertinent.

South Africa, the other losing semi-finalists, may not have played such imaginative cricket. But they, too, played better than all but their staunchest supporters can have believed possible. They played, moreover, under a

continuing political strain in which they could never be sure if their tournament, and their reborn careers, would be abruptly cut short.

Wessels, contentiously replacing Clive Rice as captain, played a sensitive role with unsuspected eloquence. Kirsten and Hudson were two of the batsmen of the month, Rhodes unquestionably the fielder everyone will remember. His horizontal run-out of Inzamam in Brisbane remains one of the instantly recalled snapshots of the cup.

The memories of Austraila's fall from grace will be dominated by Allan Border and Bob Simpson, who suddenly discovered that the defence of the cup was not the formality everyone in Australia imagined it would be.

Simpson said after their first-match loss, to New Zealand, that they would not be beaten again, which was possibly arrogant, probably propogandist and certainly wrong. Border, whose ago-nised expressions were sel-dom off the front and back pages of the Australian press, responded to the debacle with some favourite clichés, "We haven't hit our straps," he kept saying. "We are behind the eight ball and we need some hard yakka." Answers on a postcard please.

For all the input of the New Zealand team and administrators, this will be remembered as an Australian World Cup. It was Australian in design, the post-Packer trademarks of coloured clothes, white balls and multi-coloured zinc cream obscuring even faces dark enough to need little sunburn pro-

It was Australian in its television coverage, which was fine when there was any. Channel 9, owned by Packer, still calls the shots over the cricket authorities here but its policy of showing only selected games, and ignoring other matches and news, was stunningly complacent.

Television was also at least partly responsible for the event's two great debates - its scheduling in the Australasian autumn, when atten-tion was switching to rugby league and Aussie rules football, and its preposterous rain

There are things which the Australians do impressively. but so long as such shortcomings can be foisted upon cricker's only global event, they should never again be allowed to run it.



Packing up sorrows: Gooch prepares for the long trip home from Melbourne

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provide four players FROM ALAN LEE

Champions Pakistan

PAKISTAN, the new champions of one-day cricket, provide four members of

my World Cup XI.

Martin Crowe would captain the side, in recognition of the renaissance New Zealand underwent after their subservience against England. He would also bat at No. 3, following Mark Greatbatch and the prolific Peter Kirsten Javed Miandad, who

passed 50 five times in nine mes, and Sachin Tendulkar, also the fifth bowler, form an exotic mid-dle order before the Eng-

land pair.
Ian Botham batted adequately and bowled, until the knockout stage, both with economy and penetrathe best wicketkeeper but

be led, ferociously, by Was-im Akram and Allan Don-

ald. Wides might abound but so, too, would wickets. Asqib Javed, Pakistan's Mr Reliable, and Mushtaq Ahmed would follow. The twelfth man would

be Jonty Rhodes and the umpires. Steve Bucknor and David Shepherd.

Weak pace bowlers make way for spin

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK

THE batting will be attractive, and the inclusion of two spinners, Dipak Patel and Mushtaq Ahmed, while a compliment to them, is also an indication of how few of the faster bowlers were able to combine accuracy with penetration. Prevented by the rules from pitching as short as they would like, West Indies no onger have the bowlers able to adjust. Brian Lara, therefore, was the only one of the West Indian side to come

The reason for Moin Khan's presence is that he would have a better grasp of what Mushtag is up to than the other wicketkeepers. He would have to be told to behave himself. Moin is one of four Pakistanis in the

To counter this policy of

slowing down the game, the

five overs South Africa failed

to bowl should have been

further deducted from their

final allocation of overs, i.e.

reduced from 45 to 40 overs,

provided of course the um-

pires were mindful of any

similar tactics by the batting

side. If the rules were amend-

ed in this way, it is most unlikely that any fielding side

would dare risk not bowling

its full allocation of overs.

ANTHONY J. ROBERTS,

Sir. Much as one sympathises

with the South Africans, their

slow over-rate did not help

their cause. This problem

could be easily overcome by ruling that any lost overs are

bowled during the time allot-

ted to the interval. A profes-

sional cricketer does not like

As for the ludicrous conclu-

sion to this match, surely with

the powerful lights now avail-

able, a day-night match could

still be played through to

breakfast time if need be.

Yours faithfully.

The Cottage,

Rectory Road.

Church Oakley

MICHAEL COX.

From Mr B. J. Sinden

having his break curtailed.

Yours faithfully,

10 Oxen Avenue,

Shoreham by Sea,

From Mr Michael Cox

West Sussex.

near to selection.

side, while England are unrepresented, and even the one Australian, Steve Waugh, will be a surprising choice to some. New Zealand's strong showing is rewarded with three places. There is a blend of youth

and experience, four of the Tendulkar, Inzaman-ul-Haq: Moin and Mushtaq - being mere

SPORTS LETTERS

Cricket suffers a self-inflicted wound

From Mr W. L. Mitchell Sir, When I was at school we had to observe a number of rules and regulations, but only one of them remains vividly in my memory: "A breach of common sense is a breach of a school rule."

Had some common sense been applied to the situation, when rain came in the World Cup semi-final between England and South Africa at Sydney last Sunday, a proper finish would have taken place and a satisfactory result one way or the other - would have been achieved. Instead, we see the real winners as being those people with cor-poral mentalities who devised the ludicrous rules and then insisted on them being implemented.

Cricket took shots in both feet - not for the first time. Yours faithfully, W. L. MITCHELL 24a Queen Square. North Curry. Taunion, Somerset

From Mr George Scales Sir, In all sporting events, in cricket's World Cup.

Star players, over the series, can and do suffer illness or injury and winning the toss can be vital, but the organisers attempted to eliminate the chance factor to the best of their ability. It is, therefore, less than reasonable for anyone, including the media, to detract from the glory of a result which was achieved by strict adherence to the rules. Had the 12-minute stop-

page occurred at the beginning of the innings instead of at the end, play would have been shortened by the same amount but the fuss would have been minimal. Yours sincerely. GEORGE SCALES, Cobbler's Pieces. Abbess Roding, Ongar, Essex.

From Miss Judith Holt Sir. What gentlemanly behaviour was shown in the post-semi-final interviews by the captains of England and South Africa: Graham Gooch, cautiously optimistic for the final, disappointed at the nature of England's victory: Kepler Wessels gracious in defeat, grateful for South Africa's opportunity to have played in the World Cup. A pity that the same cannot

be said for the ham-handed officials responsible for the rules which condemned this cliffhanger of a semi-final to be a farce and a travesty of Yours faithfully

JUDITH M. HOLT Fairhaven, 83 Gaynes Park Road. Upminster, Essex.

From Mr D. G. Evans Sir. I would be happier with the criticism of knowledgeable cricket correspondents and commentators if their concerns had been voiced when details of the rain rule were clearly set out before the start of the competition.

What must be acknowledged is that no set of regulations can be obviously fair. given the vagaries of weather and the unpredictability of the game itself, which is, of course, a major ingredient of its appeal.

However, there can be no excuse for only at a late stage becoming aware of the certainty that gross anomalies must occur in a relatively high proportion of matches under the present rules. Full records of real matches are readily available and a simple what if' programme could quickly analyse thousands of circumstances in order to eliminate the sort of fiasco that occurred in the semi-

Yours faithfully, D. G. EVANS, 46 Laytons Lane. Sunbury on Thames,

Sir. It is clear that the South Africans were cheated out of a chance of victory by the absurd and illogical rules. However, this must not be allowed to obscure the fact that these same rules also permitted them to indulge in deliberate time-wasting tactics when England's batsmen were well on top and to bowl only 45 out of 50 overs. There is, of course, provision for fines in these circumstances but this was clearly no

From Mr Anthony Roberts

Protected species

From Mr Michael English Sir. I was very sad to read Simon Barnes's article (Spirit of ghostly crowds is lost on marketeers, March 13), but I suppose marketing men are always fair game — without the protection of a close SP25011, 100.

Would it not be fairer to

give them — in this country at

least - some credit for ensuring the survival of the red squirrel, while allowing its grey cousin to prosper as well? Ask all the marketing men involved in English cricket and most will tell you that their prime objective is to preserve Test match cricket at all costs; to build a great England team and to provide facilities for players and spectators as good as anywhere in the world. This needs money:

a lot of it. It is the job of marketing men to produce this money, through ticket sales, hospitality, perimeter advertising, sponsorship and — above all - the competitive interest of broadcast media to give the game its widest possible audience. Why does Barnes conrider the Test match audience to be invisible . . , too obscure for marketing men... impos-sible to quantify". Ask the BBC and BSkyB; they know what their money buys, and so do the sponsors and perim-

Basingstoke, Hampshire. eter advertisers. Far from the grey squirrel having driven out the red, it Sir, Locally, close of play is seems to me the red variety is determined neither by Father thriving: witness the Test Time nor by any contrivance match ticket sales in England of limited overs or run-rates, in recent years, and the but by Thomas's bedtime. intense interest shown by the This event, like Easter, can be broadcasters. There the balearly or late, and is very ance has to be kept right. Five difficult to calculate, unless one-day internationals this you are Thomas's mother. year: three next year, with six The apparently arbitrary Test matches. Not a mix to

nature of this determination threaten our red squirrei, I does not however, affect the would have thought result of the match, since sufficient power is vested in the umpire to ensure that this is always a tie, an outcome towards which he has usually been working assiduously from the start. Yours (paternally). B. J. SINDEN.

Palm Cottage. Yours faithfully, Glen Road. Colby, Isle of Man.

Behaviour unbecoming

From Mr G. C. Matthews Sir, Gerald Davies (Wales v Scotland match report. March 23) is quite right to say that Stuart Davies only hit David Sole because Sole had first hit him. However, the reason for Sole's punch was that Davies had just, for the second time in this five nations' season, made illegal use of his boot. His action was clearly visible to the crowd behind the Welsh goalline, where I was - but not, sadly, to the referee or either touch

judge. I also witnessed at first hand Davies's other outburst

Two at a time

continuous action would run on the inset. This was first

stable, she went nap on Golden Freeze (in the Mildmay of Flete Chase) and her choice from another stable was none other than

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Barnes writes: "And so we are told that the public only wants one-day cricket; this is becoming the self-fulfilling policy of those who sell cricket to the world." Who told him this? Nobody involved in the marketing of cricket, I am

MICHAEL ENGLISH,

If a third offence occurs, and if Davies continues to be conclude that the Welsh ap-

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY MATTHEWS.

From Mr Raymond Wergan Sir, The problems over television replays (Sports Letters, March 19) is another example of the poor use of existing technology by programme directors. The inset screen is the solution, and they already have it on their control panel. The replay could be shown on the main screen while

Trainer's choice From Mr D. Crawley-Boevey Sir, I enjoyed considerable financial benefit from Richard Evans's survey of leading trainers' tips for the Cheltenham Festival (March 10). However, I was particularly intrigued by Jenny Pitman's selections. From her own

With the Jockey Club set-

ting up an inquiry into the

From Mr Anthony Given Sir, Ian Beer and Peter Yarranton have been appointed to head, respectively, the new English Sports Council and UK Sports Commission Your report (February 28) was more than a little dismissive because their sport had no connection with the

This, surely, is irrelevant, since the important thing is getting the right sort of indi-

this season, when his boot came into contact with Jason Leonard's head in the last minute of the first half of the England v Wales game. His tendency to express his displeasure in this way, when opponents get on the wrong side of the ball, must be well known to the Welsh manage-

picked, one will be forced to prove of his behaviour.

78 Ifield Road, SW10.

used in Australia to show the fielder going for the ball on the main screen while bats-

men were shown running on the inset picture. This would allow television to do what every spectator does naturally - watch two things at once. Yours faithfully.
RAYMOND WERGAN, Milton Point

running of the Gold Cup. perhaps Mrs Pitman, in her defence, will maintain that, unbeknown to her, a member of her staff accidentally declared Golden Freeze for the Gold Cup. Once again, the country's

Plymouth, Devon.

leading woman National Hunt trainer will be proved innocent of the charges the media have laid against her. Yours faithfully, DAVID CRAWLEY-

BOEVEY. 6 Cherry Orchard, Stoke Poges, **Buckinghamshire**

vidual. Perhaps it is no coinci-Right connection dence that rugby union is still

an amateur sport. Yours faithfully, ANTHONY GIVEN. The Croft, Walkern. Stevenage Hertfordshire.

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RACING

Quinn is suspended after 50-1 success

Jimmy Quinn, received a four-day ban from the Brighton stewards yesterday after parmering a 50-1 winner. Following his Doncaster success last Saturday with High Low, Quinn was quickly brought down to earth when found guilty of overuse of the whip on Sparkler Gebe in the Sheepcote Valley

Handicap.

Quinn took up the running three furlongs out in the mileand-a-half contest and was only threatened as the winning post came nearer by Par

Eddery on Kaher. He was a neck up at the line

and although telling trainer Roland O'Sullivan he only flicked his whip at the sixyear-old to keep him going and that the horse was not marked, the stewards gave him a ban which starts on April 4.

Sparkler Gebe was showing the benefit of his brief spell at O'Sullivan's Bognor yard by registering his first win on the Flat. Beset by tendon problems.

he has only been with O'Sullivan for two months. "We've been walking him in the sea after galloping and he has clearly enjoyed it." O'Sullivan reported.

MESTERDAY/SHESULIS

Brighton

Going: good 2.00 (ST 213yd) 1, Blake End (FI Cochrana, 25 tay); 2, Prince Rodney (4-1); 3, Tulepot (12-1), 5 ran. 3d, 10. W O'Gorman. Tota: \$1.40; \$1.10, \$1.70. DF: \$1.60. CSF-\$2.35

24.90. C3F-211 97. Tricest: \$31.72.
4.00 (71 214yd) 1. Sky Humter (B Raymond, 64 fav), 2. Dune River (2-1); 3, Dexter Chief (12-1) 6 nan. 4t. at. R Hannen. Tote: \$2.50. \$1.30. £1.70. DF: \$2.70. C3F: \$2.50.
4.30 (\$7 213yd) 1, Ponserdin (6 Duffield, 7-4 fav); 2, Golden Proposel (14-1); 3, Duly Sergeani (6-1), 5 nan. 51, 11/11. M Prescott. Tote: \$2.70. £1.50. DF: \$29.40. C3F: \$15.31.

Wolverhampton

Placecot: P22.80.

2.10 (51) 1, Uccello (J Reid, 3-1); 2, Nigala Friend (2-1 fav); 3, We're All Game (10-1), 10 ran. 31, 216), L Helt, Tote: £5.50; £1.80, £1.80, £1.80. DF. £14.70. CSF: £10.82. 10 rat. St. 294, L. Hert, Lore; 20,304, 11-00; 21.80, (21.80, DF, 214.70, CSF; 270.32, 2.40 (1m) 1, Solid (S Whitworth, 12-1); 2, Royal Acclaim (25-1); 3, Cn Y Va (7-1); 4, Friendlysersussion (20-1); Outerly Impressive 9-2 fav. 20 ran. Nr. rik. J. Jernkins. Tota: 225.80, 24.80, 212.10, 52.30, 57.80 CSF; 2211.09, Tricost: 21.841.60, DF (1st or 2nd with any other); 25.70.
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☐ Decian Murphy has decided not to appeal against a four-day ban for misuse of the whip, which rules him out of the last two days of the big Aintree meeting next week. Murphy was due to ride Bradbury Star in the Mumm Melling Chase and Golden Minstrel in the National.

CSF \$12.00 4.80 (3m hdfe) 1, Spring To It (M Faster, 12-1); 2, Vanuski (12-1), 3, Ballyarke (12-1) Poscher's Delight 9-4 (1-4m 13 mm hff, 51cm Island, 3%1, 15t. M Pipe, Tote: \$10.00; \$2.40, \$4.90, \$4.20, \$5., \$41.20 CSF, \$137.50, Thicest; \$1,615.02

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NO CUP AVERAGES

Mark Kybo to enjoy Plumpton return

MARK Kybo, owned by Mrs andore Kerman, wife of the chairman of Phimpton racecourse, has an excellent chance of recording his secand success on the Sussex track this season by winning today's Wally Coomes Handi-

cap Chase, and he is my nap. When he won over this course and distance in February, the Roland O'Sullivantrained eight-year-old beat Parsons Pleasure by seven

As Parsons Pleasure had been runner-up to Run For Free at Lingfield previously, the form looked solid. It now looks even better as Parsons Pleasure was the game winner of a similar race at Bangor last Saturday.

Also, Mark Kybo himself has since gone on to score again in emphatic style at Lingfield, beating Popeswood by 12 lengths.

It is hard to envisage Popeswood getting his re-venge now that he will be meeting Mark Kybo on only 31b better terms.

Granny Pray On is best judged on her win at Newton Abbot earlier this month instead of her subsequent re-mote third behind Fire At Wheel at Towcester. The enigmatic Dandy Minstrel, who was third to her in that west country race, could be dangerous though.

Earlier in the season, Dandy Minstrel had Minstrel had every chance of winning a similar race over today's course and distance

Country Member finished well ahead of Banker's Gossip when he was successful at MICHAEL PHILLIPS Sandown midway through last month. A turnaround of only 5lb in the weights should when he misjudged the last fence and parted company not be sufficient for Banker's

with his jockey. Gossip to bridge a gap that totalled 35 lengths that day. Olympian, who was far from disgraced at the Chel-While Sire Nantais enters tenham festival where he finthe fray unbesten this season, ished seventh in the County his form when winning Hurdle, is given a sporting chance of winning the claimers at Leicester and Carlisle did not amount to much Coomes Handicap Hurdle. and I doubt him being able to That sound effort at Chelconcede 19lb to Country

tenham hinted strongly that he is running into the sort of Halston Prince and Scales form that enabled him to Of Justice, who were both finish second to Mayfair more than just useful on the Minx at Warwick early in Flat, make their belated November when he was enjumping debuts in the deavouring to give that useful Sometion Novices' Hurdle mare 21lb. At Wincanton, I think that Country Member can win the

She is trained by Nicky Henderson and I am encour-aged to believe that we can expect a bold showing from Scales Of Justice, who won three times in succession on the Flat, at Leicester, Doncaster and Newmarket, last auturns when still in the care of

Finally, on the Flat at Beveries. I am looking to the William Pearce-trained Martini Executive to win the Withernsea Handicap. Four good races on the all-weather tracks have proved conclusively that he has been cured of breaking blood vessels, which dogged him throughout the whole of last season.

Blinkered first time BEVERLEY: 4.00 See The Light.

Cowburn seeks a compromise

O'Sullivan: fine chance

for talented Mark Kybo

Hamilton Litestat Young

Pretenders' Handicap Chase.

BY GEORGE RAE

LEN Cowburn, the deputy chairman of bookmakers William Hill, indicated yesterday that his company would consider an early payment to the Levy Board of revenue made available by the cut in betting duty if racing was also prepared to

w "I am looking for a compromise," Cowburn said. "If the Levy Board and the Jock-

ey Club can satisfy the bookmakers on improvements in the fixture list, race timings and an additional seventh race we would investigate the question of early payment.
"Ideally I would like to see

amendments made to this year's fixture list if possible. The fixtures for 1991 were levy friendly but they are certainly less so this year. It is in all our interests to maximise leviable nurnover. "For example, figures show

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nursey Smith, 16 winners from 32 runners, 50.0%; W Wightmen, 3 Irom 7, 42.5%; Mrs J Pitmen, 18 from 48, 39.1%; R Altahurst, 25 from 69, 53.3%; T Thomson Jones, 3 from 9, 33.3%; N Henderson, 8 from 31, 25.8%.

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that a 1.30 race, rather a 5.30 race, is more beneficial to increasing turnover. These are the areas we should be looking at. The question is one of give and take."

Fellow bookmakers Corals have agreed in principle to pay before the money is legally due but Ladbrokes are firmly against the idea.

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	11-4 Flushthecash, 7-2 Seventh Lock, 9-2 Rydel Pride, 6-1 Tanifrion Bay, 8-1 Cruise Perly, Januari, 12-1 others.	9 4-20 CARPE DIEM 8 P Cundell 7-10-12 R Strongs 10 054P CIELTIC CHAMES 14 (6) G Enright 8-10-12. M Perrett
	3.10 WALLY COOMES HANDICAP CHASE	11 0F00 MENASHI 8 J Upon 5-10-4 R Supple 7-4 Pick Roundstone, 3-1 Sherpgon, 9-2 Mn-Pew, 8-1 Blue Eneign, 8-1 Carpe Diers, 10-1 Sherpford, 12-1 others.

3.10 WALLY COOMES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,267: 3m 1f) (14) 1 5-05 RED COLUMBIA 13 (B,S) M Wildmon 11-11-10

9 Sapple
2 S540 DERRYMORE BOY 16 (G,S) J Fitch-Hoyes 10-11-0
J Knownesh 3 F511 MARK KYBO 13 (CD)F,G) R O'Sullivan 8-11-0

6 2PZZ POPESWOOD 18 (0.5) W Wightness 9-10-12

III. 7 234P NEVER A PENEV 13 (3.F.5) J Eliott 9-10-9. R Guest
8 -FSF BAYRAM 23 (3.5) T Exhemition 10-10-8 R Meartin (7)
9 FSF- GROVELANDS 318 (F.5) R Curia 10-10-7... D Mornis
10 52PP HEIGHT OF FUN 8 (0.F.3) C Popham 8-10-8
11 LIUGS DANDY MINSTRIB. 16 (B.C.F.G.S) E Wheeler 8-10-6
12 390F PRY'S-JOY 16 F Marginy 8-10-4 A Mequire
13 5-05 FB 13 (F) (D) T Greenhead 10-10-0 W Hunghrings
14 P403 KULESHIM 28 K Burle 6-10-0 W Lividit
7-4 Mark Kybo, 7-2 Popeswood, 5-1 Bearst Pits, 8-1 Greensy
Pray On, 10-1 Red Colorribia, 12-1 Never A Penny, 14-1 offers.

3.40 COOMES HANDICAP HURDLE

1 6440 ROYAL SQUARE 18 (D.Q.S) G Harwood 8-11-12

13 1112 JAN-RE 14 (D,8F) F Morphy 8-10-0 ... A Megaire
14 3011 NORTHERN VILLAGE 22 (D) S Dow 5-10-0 A Diches (S) 5-1 Olympian, 11-2 Ketti, 6-1 Maghus Pym, 7-1 Bollinger, 8-1 Love Anew, 10-1 Jan-Re, Northern Village, 12-1 Stant Chant. Wick Pound, 14-1 Mr Lion, Martin Dencer, 16-1 others.

Wolverhampton stewards



Lucas receives £290 fine THE Australian jockey Terry Jack Holt had his arm twisted Lucas was fined £290 by the

vesterday. They considered he had ridden an ill-judged race on the Lynda Ramsden-trained Preamble, a 7-2 chance, who missed the break and finished fifth. seven-and-a-half lengths behind the winner. Uccello, in the Cyclamen Maiden Stakes.

into fielding Uccello, but was not complaining when the 3-I shot came home in front.

Although he knew his horse disliked heavy ground. Holt felt duty bound to run him as the contest was the only fivefurlong maiden in the first two months of the season.

"It's always good to get that first winner under your belt," said Holt, who trained Ucc-The Basingstoke trainer ello's half-brother, Argentum.

MANDARIN RICHARD EVANS THUNDERER 2.30 Martini Executive, 3.00 Shadow Jury, 3.30 Common Gain, 4.00 Shooting Lodge, 4.30 Brightness, 5.00 Simply George, 2.30 NORFOLETEV 2.30 Sleepline Fantasy. 3.00 Shadow Jury. (nap). 4.30 Pridian. 3.30 Be Polite. 4.00 SHOOTING LODGE (nap). 4.30 Brightness. 5.00 Majal.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Colossus, 4.30 PRIDIAN (nap). 5.00 Wild GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST 2.30 WITHERNSEA HANDICAP (£2,880: 7F100yd) (14 runners) BETTRIC: 9-2 Eurobiaka, 5-1 Coloseus, 11-2 Norfolkiev, 6-1 Duckington, 6-1 Sicepline Fentiusy, Litural Qu 10-1 Miertri Executive, USA Dutier, 12-1 others. 1981; GAUSLEY 6-8-11 B Regented (12-1) B McMehon 18 ren

FORM FOCUS

BUCKENSTON 6161 of II to Gabbledni in Haydock (71, firm) handleap in August, ARABIAN KING SW 3rd of B to Northern Spark in York (71, good) handleap. Moht to Lingdeld (AM, 1re) handleap with EIROSEAKE (13to better off) 1161 4th and LISA DOLLAR (80 worse off) 465 5th, SLEEPLINE FANTASY base Ponteruovo short-head in 8-namer Ascot (17m, good) handleap haly with IERA DOLLAR (10th better off) 6161 7th. COLOSSUS bost

Pinjen 16i in 20-runner Heydock (6f., good to solt) hendlasp with SIR ARTHUR HOBBS (7b better off) 31si 0th. LAURES. CILEBEN best Gersahre Larly 31 in 19-runner Laicester (1m, Sma) cleaner on penulismus start.

EUROBLAICE best Norden Reider 11 in 14-runner Catterick (7f., good) hendlasp. JOVIAL KATE best Empoyets 11/si in 7-runner Saustreel (AW, SI) hendlasp cap on penulismest start.

3.00 SCARBOROUGH SPA SELLING STAKES (2-Y-C): 52,254; 5f) (16 runners) 15 (12) 1 TAILE YOUR PARTINER DI JORNINGO Recing) M Johnston 96 Death McKeown — 15 (12) 0 THE WEND 8 (Mrs W Jennings) D Them 96 ________ J Quinn — 16 (17) YEVEED (Mrs M Grahem) M H Easterby 86 _______ M Strich — M Strick — M Strick

FORM FOCUS

SHADOW JURY SI 2nd of 14 to Chamic Storm in Doncauter (Si, good) selling maken with ESG (seems terms) 34 3rd, NELLIE'S GAMBLE (seems terms) 44 5th and COSTA VERDE (seems terms) 27 7th. DARDANELLE (toxical Mar 26) helf-electer by Starford to two winners including juvenile 57 selling winner Travel Experience. FAFABOUT (May 18) by Wassel, is first fool of juvenile 67 winner Travel Experience. FAFABOUT (May 18) selling winner Travel Experience. FAFABOUT (May 18) winner Travel Experience. FAFABOUT (May 18) by Rak Ma is seeme to Winner Toxical to winner to Travel Experience to Travel Experience. FAFABOUT (May 18) by Rak Ma is seeme to Winner Travel Experience to Tr

3.30 HUTTON CRANSWICK MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: 22,382: 5f) (13 runners)

0 CRACKER JACK 8 (C Berber-Lomes) 7 Feinburst 8-18. BETTING: 5-2 Common Galo, 7-2 Se Polite, 5-1 Mester Sincleir, 6-1 Wilghtmill, 8-1 Standard Express, 16-1 Fritandale Dismond, Royal Folly, 12-1 others.

1991: WHITTINGHAM 6-7 J Casoli (6-1) J Berry 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

CRACKER JACK 14, 9th of 10 to_Touch Siver in Concenter (St. good), malden. ARIGENALE DIA-MOND (loader Pen 15, cost 6,400gm) by perby Wish, is first fool of unsuced eister to smart American performer Full Of Engles. STANDUST EXPRESS (Apr 2, 4,500gm) hell-brother by Sylvan Express to Mat's Laridn, placed over 5f at two. WRIGETTHILL (Feb 25, 5000gm) by Taufan, is third load of unraced helf-eister to top-class sprinter.

MANDARIN -THUNDERER 2.20 Scales Of Justice. 2.50 Goodshot Rich. 3.20 Manenda. 2.50 Goodshot Rich. 3.20 Jadidh. 3.50 Country Member. 4.20 Carbonate. 4.50 Bumbles Folly. 3.50 Country Member. 4.20 Bold Choice. 4.50 Bumbles Folly. 5.20 Hedgehopper. 5.20 Maryland Farmer. The Times Private Fundicapper's top rating: 4.20 SUKAAB.

2.20 SOMERTON NOVICES HURDLE (£1,680: 2m) (21 runners) SOMERTON NOVICES HURDLE (£1,660: 2m) (21 runners)

D BALLY PARSON 20 (G Hutsby) J Chugo 6-11-2

DE BRADA BOT IN (MADDerbys Rucing) M Braduck 6-11-2

CAMONESD SF (B Deals) If Smarget in 8-11-2

2,0000 CEOAR INFEL 8 (BASE T Winn) May T white 7-11-2

(GOP-PD FELSPAR 146 (D Kacy Film) P Heyward 6-11-2

GED 3 FIRST AVENUE 111 (C Drewe) C Drewe 8-11-2

GLEN LOCHAN 26 (Lord Chelson) May H Kright 7-11-2

HALSTON PRINCE 2826 (W Poresoby) R Johnson Houghton 5-11-2 Mir G John 6-11-2

GED 3054 LUCKY BULE 8 (Bally Orces) S Meltor 7-11-2

GED 3054 LUCKY BULE 8 (P Budder) J Fox 6-11-2

PPSP MAYFAR MOSS 16 (Ms H Futerton) Mrs H Futerton 7-11-2

SIGHT WIND 25 (Pakent P Pertners) A Turnel 5-11-2

OB FUN FOR PAPA 10 (Lord Matthews) T Etherington 5-11-2

DE GREYSMITH 95 (T LoseDosted) A Wilson 5-11-2

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TIMIC: 7-2 Scales Cf Justice, 9-2 San Lorenzo, 6-1 Glee Lochen, 7-1 First Avenue, 8 1 0846 BLAIGES TREASURE 32 (4) T Thomass Jones 5-11-7
2 PP04 MINE'S AN ACE NO D Barrers 5-11-7
3 South Eccles
2 PP04 MINE'S AN ACE NO D Barrers 5-11-7
N Hamilton
3 3342 NEOCHA 13 G Enright 5-11-7
R HOOTE HOTHMAGEUT PLEASURE 18 C Populare 5-11-7
Market Jones 83 C Lieustyn L Hervey

6 McCourt

Mr W G Turner

B Cifford (5)

W Jurner

C Valire 5 D. PA-HE-HABKA 480 D O'Brian 8-11-7. Lees Long (7)

0 DOD FEFFER THE POI 30 M Handbards 8-11-7. Lees Long (7)

FEURILIAN TO BE 300 MB 10 WH Common 6-11-7. Date McKegem 10 Pt UP LA DILLEGE 14 H With 4-10-13 M Price +10-13 M Picture in MODERN ART 234F R Alchust 4-10-13 M Picture in MODERN ART 234F R Alchust 4-10-13 J Leech (8) 7-4 Nidom, 7-2 Modern Art, 5-1 Blates Treasure, 6-1 Mine's An Ace, 6-1 Chinese Penther, 10-1 Nothingbusplessure, 12-1 others. SETTING: 7-2 Scales Of Justice, 9-2 Sen Lorenzo, 6-1 Glas Lochen, 7-1 First Avenue, 8-1 Night Wind, 10-1 Habiton Prince, Ludky Blue, 12-1 Himisi, 14-1 Tarmon, Junying Judge, 16-1 others.

1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.50 EBF CORTON DENHAM NOVICES CHASE (82,524: 2m 5f) (20 runners) 2.5U EBF CORTON DENHAM NOVICES CHASE (£2,524; 2m 5f) (20 runners)

1 P133F9 MOZE TIDY 17 (3) (M Greenway) R Rowe 7-11-10 Mr C Burnett-Wells (7)

2 5-51324 COOLE DODGER 20 (BF,5) (Mr B Searle) G Ham 7-11-3 R Durwoody

3 9-0009 FREDOY OWEN 48 (R Owen) L Codd 6-11-3 J Lodder

4 P1/925 GOODSHOT RICH 23 (BF,G) (Mr S Touler) C Brooks 8-11-3 G Bradley

5 0/PFP4 HAMMER 45 (R Hemition) P Hobbs 7-11-3 S Earle

6 0F9562 (CLIELAN LAD 14 (J Wingfield Digby) Mr B Wingfield Digby 10-11-3 S Earle

7 241P-00 KB/ROY 85 (P Trant) Mise P O'Connor 7-11-3 W McFarland

8 102540 L'UOMO PIU 15 (F,G) (C Spencer) A Berrew 8-11-3 W Mr Vinne

9 140/0-P9 PUNCHBAQ 23 (S) (F) & H Racing) G Near 6-11-3 Burrough

10 2-22544 RAGLAN ROAD 63 (F) (Mr N Ourflaid) Mr P Dutfield B-11-3 N P Devencer

12 35LMP5 RICMAR 8 (B,F,G,S) (Mr E Taplin) J Taplin 9-11-3 Mise L Blackdord (7)

13 P242PP SINDAY JIB 58 (H Webb) H Webb 8-11-3 D Mise L Blackdord (7)

14 94/P94 TERRYS TOWN 85 (F) (D Robertson) O O'Nelt 6-11-3 V Stattery (5)

400/030 URIZEN 16 (6,S) (K ALSaid) J Edwards 7-11-3 D T State P P4/00-P GARVENISH 80 (Mise F Retcher) N Gassilee 7-10-12 C Lievellyn

19 0-2032F MATERIAL GIRIL, 13 (T 8 Egerton) C Egerton B-10-12 Mess S Waterman

19 0-2032F MATERIAL GIRIL, 13 (T 8 Egerton) C Egerton B-10-12 S Syme

BETTING: 3-1 Goodshot Rich, 4-1 Urbren, 6-1 Ragian Road, 7-1 Myverygoodsriend, 8-1 Coole Dodger, 16 G Bradley • 98 78 71 BETTING: 3-1 Goodshot Rich, 4-1 Urizen, 5-1 Ragian Road, 7-1 Myverygoodstend, 8-1 Coole Dodger, 19-1 Material Cirl, 12-1 Moze Tidy, 14-1 others. 1991: ANTI MATTER 6-11-3 P Scudemore (11-8 tev) M Pipe 9 mm.

3.20 MOTCOMBE MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE ft Deggen

D Tegg 69
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4.00 BRIDLINGTON BAY MAIDEN STAKES (52,265: 2m 35yd) (12 runners) BETTING: 11-5 Shooting Lodge, 7-4 Signor Seesle, 6-1 Bold Resolution, 8-1 Gupsy King, 10-1 Pink Girs, 12-1 Kholohn, 14-1 Arctic Oats, 16-1 pilhers.

1991: STAR PLAYER 6-9-4 L Dettori (11-8 tav) J Baker 21 ren **FORM FOCUS**

PEAK DISTRICT 7% 4 sin to Vague Dancer in Not-tingham (1m 2f, good to sett) handicap last April; won handicap hurdle at Southwell last month. PfNH; 63n 24 stn of 11 to Age Of Mireckes in Ayr (1m 2t, act) handicap in September 1990, won Southwell (AW, 2m 4f) handicap hundle last month with SEE THE LIGHT pulled up. GIPSY SING 7% 5th of 12 to Carlingford in Lingfield (AW, 2m) handicap. PEATSWOOD, yet to race on Fist, won 11-runner

Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, soft) novice hurdin in November 3 and 110 and good) maiden. Selection: SIGNOR SASSIE

4.30 LECONFIELD MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £1,932: 71 100yd) (8 runners)

1 (7) CAMAAN LANE (J Tornant) A Harrison 9-0 ... J Fanning (3) ... 2 (4) LORD LAMBSON (I Hall) R Whiteler 9-0 ... A Cultians 3 (1) + PRIDIAN 149 (Exers E Molley) G Wragg 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 92 (5) 00- SEA LORD 190 (K Hogg) K Hogg 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 92 (3) 0 TEASURE BEACH 6 (4) British) M British 9-0 ... K Derivey 92 (5) 44 ARCTIC SPLENDOUR 141 (R Sangster) P Chappie-Hyses 8-8 ... L Dettori 96 (5) Dettori SCOTTISSH PARK 139 (K Bridges) J Leigh 8-9 ... K Fallon 6 99 BETTING: 7-4 Brightness, 2-1 Priclen, 9-4 Arctic Splendour, 8-1 Scottish Park, 12-1 Lord Lambson, 16-1 Tressure Seach, 23-1 others.

1991: ARABIAN KING 90 K Darley (11-1) M Brittein 9 ran FORM FOCUS

PRIDIAN 11 ki 4th of 13 to Pater Nosier in Yermouth (8f, good to eoft) melden. TREASURE BEACH 157 11th of 12 to Forest Tiger in Doncaster (7f good) melden for newcomers. ARCTIC SPLENDOUR St 4th of 13 to Valesur in Edinburgh (1m, good to soft) melden; previously 6ki 4th of 3 to Saratoga Ster in Warwick (7f, good) graduation race.

BRIGHTNESS, by Elegent Air, is full-mater to 1 m 2 infiniter Vermont Magic, holds entiry for Gold Seel Cake SCOTTISH PARK 114 2nd of 12 to Mountain Ash in Cattenck (71, good) maiden; subsequently 13 9th of 22 to For Reg in Dencaster (71, good to self) maiden.

Secondor: ARCTIC 3PLENDOUR.

5.00 HORNSEA MERE HANDICAP (8-Y-O: £3,114: 1m 1f 207yd) (8 runners)

FORM FOCUS

MAJAL best Stack Jack Saver 71 in 11-rurner manden here (71 10yd, firm) in July, WILD FIRE best
National Truth 235 in 12-rurner Trimik (1m, firm) maiden in September.

SIMPLY GEORGE best Symmonik (7m, firm) maidin In September (71, good) nursery in October.

FERDIA best Lady Ot Letters 41 in Southwell (AW,
in) handlog on pensitimate start.

GROG 234 2nd of 8 to Natl Alignet in Southwell
(AW, in) claimer.

September with HOLIDAY ISLAND (2to better off)

COURSE SPECIALISTS THAINERS JOCKEYS

Replica of Becher's Brook ordered for Czechoslovak

VACIAV Chaloupka, a Czechoslovak | racing enthusiast who has twice ridden his own mounts in the Grand National but failed to finish, has ordered a replica of Becher's Brook to be built on his own Prague racetrack in an effort to brush up his

horses' jumping.
A former Aintree ground staff stalwart Ossie Dale, aged 75, has been brought out of retirement and will fly to Prague next month to start building Becher's 'and two other National type fences at the Tocho-

Chaloupka, a Prague businessman who is heavily involved in racing, is hoping the home-bred horses will quickly adapt to the Aintree-style

jumps. "Their fences are completely different — like large privets," said Dale. "I've already been over there with the plans, so we'll start building in the next few weeks."

If all goes well with the construction, the racecourse expects to be using the new fences at its meeting on May 17.

☐ Party Polities, a topical choice for

next week's Grand National, attracted sustained support with Hills yesterday and was cut to 14-1 from 16-1. Others in demand included favourite Cool Ground (6-1 from 7-1) and Wednesday's Worcester third Over The Road (25-1 from 33-1). Seagram, last year's winner, has drifted out to 50-1 from 40-1.

Kali on the second second of the second seco Research number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure distance winner. BF — beaten (avourite in form (F—fell. P—pulled up. U—unseated rider. B—brought down. S—sitpped up. R—refused. D—disqualified). Horse's name. Days since least cauting; J ii pumps. F ii flat. (B—binkers. b—soft, pood to soft, heavy). Owner in the puller beauty of the prockets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider V—visor. H—hood. E—Eyeshield. C—course and least race). The Times Private handicapper's rating.

3.50 HAMILTON LITESTAT YOUNG PRETENDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,240: 3m 1f) (6 runners)

Long handicap: Tidal Stream 9-11. BETTING: 7-4 Country Member, 3-1 Sire Nantole, 9-2 Mighty Felcon, 5-1 Borsowe, 6-1 Bunker's Gossip, 14-1

1981: MULLOCH BRAE 7-10-7 R Durwoody (2-1) D Nicholson 7 ran

4.20 QUANTOCK HANDICAP HURDLE (52,162: 2m) (12 runners)

Long handicus: Skomel 9-13, Galegames 9-10. BETTING: 7-2 Va Lute, 9-2 Trojan Call, 5-1 Dextra Dove, 7-1 Sultanb, Carbonelle, 6-1 Bold Choice, 10-1 Hets High, 12-1 Shades Of Peace, 14-1 others. 1991: HATS HIGH 6-10-6 M Grosse (12-1) F Gray 14 ran

4.50 WEST COUNTRY VETERANS CHASE (\$2,872: 2m.5f) (8 runners) SIETTING: Evens Sumbles Felly, 2-1 Assegiswi, 5-1 Caddy, 20-1 Globe Prince, Paddy's Dream, 33-1 others 1981: CLARA MOUNTAIN 12-11-2 C Liewellyn (7-2) T Foreiter S zen

5.20 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,530: 2m) (18 runners)

1991: DAGAZ 5-11-1 Mr R Davis (11-2) J Edwards 21 run

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS Per cent JOCKEYS My J Pimen M Pipe D Nicheleon

Irish squad depleted for step into unknown

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

PHILIP Danaher will captain a party as green as the shirts they will be wearing when Ireland tour New Zealand this summer. Only half a dozen of the 30 players named yesterday can boast much more than a handful of caps garnered over the past 18 months and in key areas, where the selectors would have wished to look forward,

they have had to glance back.
Michael Bradley, the last of
whose 23 caps was won in
1990, is recalled at scrum half and becomes the most experienced player in the par-ty; only Steve Smith, Fergus Aherne and Neil Francis offer anything like comparable service in the wake of a series of withdrawals which have left the selectors desperately embarrassed for choice.

They were unable to consider almost a complete XV. Lenihan, Matthews, Mullin, Crossan and Des Fitzgerald have over 200 caps between them, more than the touring party. Saunders, Geoghegan, Curtis, Keyes and O'Hara

It is a commentary on their election that Paul Hogan. the Garryowen slanker who made his debut against France last weekend, is not included; nor is Paul Collins, the London Irish flanker who

SQUAD

FULL BACKE: K Murphy (Cork Constitution), J Staples (London Irish), Wings: R Carey (Dungernon), J Clarke (Dolphin), M Furlong (UCG), R Wallace (Garyowan), Contres: V Cumringham (Sanyowan), Contres: V Cumringham (Sanyowan, Capt), M McDall (Bargor), M Fidge (Sectorot College), Sand-off reviews: O McAlasse (Ballymona), P Russel (Instrumena), Scrum hayes: F Alberta

IS IT too much to hope that when the International Rug-

by Football Board meets

next month to discuss

changes in the laws, it will

do so wishing to improve the game for its own sake.

and not for any extraneous

It should do so, to main-

tain the integrity of the game's essential style and flavour, which attracts its

may come into play, as was

motivation?

has played so well this season. On the credit side, however, both Gordon Hamilton and Noel Mannion, missing through injury for much of this season, are available.

The tour management of Nocl Murphy, Ciaran Fitz-gerald and Gerry Murphy will hope that such players stay fit; the last thing they want on only ireland's second visit to New Zealand (the first was 16 years ago) is for players to break down, so they will watch Jim Staples's form for the rest of this season with some anxiety.

However the full back is

confident that the back injury which caused him to miss Ireland's last two internationals is cured. "There was a disc problem at the base of the back which restricted movement, but with the tour still five weeks away I have no real problem about being fit," Staples said

Fifteen players remain from last October's World Cup party of 26, of whom seven played in the quarter-final against Australia; in a country of limited playing re-sources that is too substantial a turnover. Brian Robinson. No. 8 this international season, has been included as a flanker, with Mannion and Philip Lawlor as No. 8s.

The party includes seven uncapped players: Carey, Ridge, Furiong and McCall in the backs, McCarthy, Cos-tello and Leahy in the for-wards. Martin Ridge, the Blackrock College centre, is one of the brightest prospects in the country, but in two internationals and matches against Canterbury and Auckland, he and his colleagues will be exposed to a level of rugby they have never previously encountered.

Colin Meads, the legend-

ary All Black lock, is one of three newcomers to the New Zealand Rugby Football Union council. Meads emphasised after yesterday's annual meeting the need for New Zealand to plan in fouryear cycles to accomodate future World Cups.

GERALD BASIES

evident in the instructions

given to referees before the World Cup in an attempt to accommodate a television audience. The game needed

to flow, was the gist of what was said. Rugby, of course, being the game it is, that was easier said than done. It

was an artificial response.

kick, or taking a drop-ou

from the goalline instead of the 22-metre line. These are

There are 44 pages of rec-



No way through: a Millfield attack is thwarted by Glantaf at yesterday's Rosslyn Park schools sevens

Llandovery complete the course

By Michael Stevenson

QUICK thinking contributed to Llandovery's 18-10 victory yesterday in an all-Welsh fi-nal over Glantaf, who had been installed as favourites before the quarter-finals, in the Open section of the Rosslyn Park schools seven-aside tournament, sponsored by Shell UK. The conclusion had earlier seen the departure of two of the most consistently successful teams, Millfield and Ampleforth, in the group winners' round. In which

Llandovery had a bye. Milifield, like Ampleforth, were a little lacking in pace, but their rugged tackling threw Glantar's skillful ball players initially, before con-

gimmicks compared with the major change required.

say, in the offside faw in

open play, as has been pointed out in these pages

several times already. No

change in the scoring

system is going to alter the game's philosophy as much.

ues as at present, how long will it be before a player who

collects the ball twigs to the fact that by standing his ground, he can bring the game to a standstill? Or when will the tactic of the

high kick become so sophis-

ticated that players in an offside position form a 10-

metre circle around the

catcher, so that not only will

he be unable to advance, but

unable to retreat to his own

If the offside law contin-

ceding defeat. Ampleforth also lost by a two-point margin to a sadly out-of-form Mount St Mary's.

In the quarter-finals, the form book was more reliable and this left Glantaf facing Mount St Mary's in one semifinal and Liandovery opposed to Bradford GS in the other. Glantaf might well have lost to Mount, though on the day they were the better side; but the scoreline of Llandovery's victory over Bradford was slightly flattering to the los-ers, leaving an all-Welsh linal.

This may have been a pointer to the excellent final. Llandovery clinched the result, it seemed, in seconds. Quinnell caught the kick off,

attack remains a rarity

because of this restrictive

But for now, let us consid-

er a suggestion put forward by New Zealand. They have

proposed that if the ball

goes into touch from a pen-

alty, the ball shall be thrown in by the kicking team. The team thus gets a double ad-

vantage. Under the present laws, might not this be con-nidered hursh?

But New Zealand are also

proposing that all penalty

kicks be reduced to free

kicks, except for those awarded for obstruction,

foul play, professional fouls

and repeated infringe-

ments. Thus, punishment for transgressions of a tech-

Changes in scoring values miss the point

Daniels and swift chain passing allowed Jeremy Griffiths to loop round the pacey Da-vies and score; immediately, Griffiths again broke from deep in defence, outpaced the hunt and Atkinson's conver-

sion stretched the lead. Hewlett, the Welsh Schools' scrum haif, was prominent with darting, elusive runs and finally created a try for Glantaf on the stroke of half-time, with Pryce cutting the lead.

An attempted basketballstyle pass back from the scrum's base was the prelude Llandovery's next score, which Davies touched down, and their final points came

graded to free kicks. Raising

or lowering the points band will not change a philoso-

phy. Reducing the opportu-

nity for penalty kicks might. New Zealand make the

case that within the existing

laws, too many matches are

determined by kicking goals as a result, more often than not, of relatively minor in-

fringements. Time is also

wasted with such kicks and there are insufficient incen-

Professional fouls, which

would need to be defined as

New Zealand do in their submission, are an effective

way to prevent tries from

being scored. Since the dif-

ferential penalty does not curry favour, the referee

tives to score tries.

by Daniels, though Glantaf still had the spirit to score again from a tap penalty, with Pryce showing pace and power. Hewlett converted to make it 18-10.

RESULTS: Open Tournement: Stells Round: Yagol Glandar 12, Millield 10; Campion 18, Oakham 8; Mount St Mery a 8, Ampletoria 6; Softmal 4; St Benedict's 16; Bruchord GS 14, Hempton 6; Stonyhuset 16 Hymer's 9; bye, Merchant Taylors', Crosby and Landovery. Charles-finals: Yagol Gantat 22, Merchant Taylors' 10; Campion 4, Mount St Mary's 6; Eradiord GS 22, 30 Benedict's 12; Llandovery 28, Stonyhuret Assert-finals: Yagol Gantat 12, Mount St Mary's 8; Llandovery 30, Brached GS 10. Finals: Lendovery 18, Glandar 19, Mount St Mary's 8; Llandovery 30, Brached GS 10. Finals: Lendovery 18, Glandar 10, John Pletter 10; Staurland 10, Blahop of Herestord 4; Durhead 10, Loudon Oratory 28, Devergence 4; Durhead 10, Loudon Oratory 29, Devergence 4; Durhead 10, Endovergence 4; Durhead 10, Endovergence 10, General 10, Blahop of Herestord 4; Durhead 10, Endovergence 10, Blandov 10; Loudon Castory 29, Devergence 10, General 10, Llandov 11, Llandov 11,

would still be able to go through what is at his dis-

posal now, and caution the

player, send him off or

New Zealand make the

point that since penalty kicks would be awarded only

for serious breaches of the

law, the options open to the non-offending team should be increased, so that a team

might choose to kick at goal

or kick to touch and receive

the throw-in at the subse-

This could be a significant shift of emphasis, in which case, to avoid confusion and

maintain uniformity, free

kicks, like other kicks,

would not be permitted to

be sent directly out of play

outside the 22-metre line.

award a penalty.

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ot hopefuls in premier premier

EMILE Faurie, who was born in South Africa but acquired a British passport earlier this year, underlined his credentials for the Olympic dressage team when he and Virtu won the grand prix at the senior selection trials at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire

yesterday. "It's like a dream". Faurie, aged 28, said, almost unable to believe his winning mark. The pair, who are one of 11 on the Olympic long-list an-nounced after the competition, relegated Anni MacDonald-Hall, the former national champion, on Floriano, to second place by two marks. MacDonald-Hall, who is virtually assured of an Olympic team place, received a surprisingly low mark from Sally Lidsey, one of the three judges.

Carl Hester, a member of the British team at the European championships last year and the 1990 world champi-onships, finished third on Wilfrid Bechtolsheimer's Giorgione, and a creditable fifth on Walzertakt, Robert Dover's former horse.

Laura Fry, the national champion and winner of the pre-selection trials, also did no harm to her Olympic chances with an authoritative test on Quarryman to finish

Faurie's emberant, accu-

Dutch-bred 12-year-old owned by Terry Greenwood, Virns had had "numerous" riders, most recently Hester, before Faurie took him over two years ago.

"He's a very difficult horse he tends to back off if you ride him too strongly. The secret is to make him feel that he's enjoying life," Faurie said. Faurie started his dressage career 11 years ago. After three years with Molly Sivewright at the Talland School of Equitation, he went to Germany as an auction rider for Ulrich Kasselmann, where he prepared three year-olds for the sale ring.

Other good performances yesterday came from Tricia Gardiner and Wily Imp (sixth) and Ferdie Eilburg on Arun Tor (seventh). Earlier in the week, Eilburg won the Intermediaire II on Tapster and the Prix St Georges on

The strength of the Olym pic long-list has reinforced hopes of a first British dressage medal at Barcelona.

Boxall enjoys two narrow escapes

BY JOHN HENNESSY

THE semi-finals of the Sunningdale Foursomes this morning carry a fascinating flavour, with a pair of young English lions, both amateurs, meeting experienced profes-sional combination, one English and one Scottish.

First Paul Sherman and Paul Page, aged 19 and 20 respectively, play the Scots Alastair Webster and Kevin Staples, who were first and second in the PGA club professional championship two years ago. Then Michael Welch and Carl Watts, also 19 and 20 respectively, face Richard Boxall and Derrick Cooper, winners on the Euro-

Boxall and Cooper must be ondering how many black cats have crossed their path recently. Certainly they came back from the dead in both matches yesterday, particu-larly the first against Richard

Payne and Peter Davies. Giving two shots, they were four down after 12 holes, and all square at the last after winning the 13th, 14th, 16th and 18th. A birdie four wrapped up the match at the first extra hole.

In the afternoon, against

David Ray and George Ryall, Cooper shanked into a hunker at the 18th and needed a ten-foot putt for a saving half in four. Again a four was all that was needed at the 19th, since their opponents, sadly, needed two putts from five

despatched the holders, Jeremy Robinson and Wayne Henry, in the morning, best yet, another young English pair, John Wilshire and Peter Sefton, at the 18th in the afternoon. Hooked shots by Sefton on the last two holes, opened the way for them.

David Talbot rescued his son Phillp with a masterly pitch to save the 18th in the afternoon against Sherman and Page, but he was defeated by an eight-foot putt at the 19th, having put his second in a bunker.

Staples and Webster survived narrowly in the fourth round, but were too solid for the Malden pair, Robert Hunter and Gareth Lashford, in the quarter-final. ☐ Florence: Paul Lawrie, of Scotland, led with a 68 after a rain-shortened first day of the Volvo Open here.

POUNTH ROUND: D'Taibul and P Taibul (Royal Mid Surrey) bit J Jammine and J Daviers (Surreingdele), 3 and 2: K Stables (Montroes) and A Webster (Edzell) bit J Hemiton and 3 Burnell (Brickendon), at 19th; R Hunter and G Lastford (Melden) bit C Heigher (Backmoor) and C Duffy (Meldestheed), 3 and 1; P Setton (Camberley Heath) and J Wilshire (Hindhead) bit C Hourtherre (Stoke Poges) and G Stowart (Clerestoni), 4 and 3; M Welch (Hill Valley) and C Watts (Hawkstone) bit J Robinson (Lake None)

mid W Henry (John Hill Holdings), S and 1; D Rey (Long Aehton) and G Ryell (Clevedon) bt M White (Watford) and G Pooley (Adenbarn), 2 and 1; R Boxall (Carnberley Heath) and D Cooper (Birchwood) bt R Payna (Royel Mid Surrey) and P Davies (Borning), at 19th. CUARTER-FINALS: Sherman and Page to Telesche and Telesche 1 19th; Sherman and Websier bt Hunter and Lashford, 4 and 3; Weich and Wetts bt Skitron and Websier 6.

players' pleasure and to make it a safer game to play, with less risk of serious injuommendations, upon which each union has already been asked to deliberate and ry. These are the first princomment. Some are trivial, like changing the scoring system, restarting the game after a score with a tapped ciples. But since the authorities are aware of a potential new audience and have growing ambitions, other factors

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CYCLING

Sturgess cuts short stay in South Africa

COLIN Sturgess pushed a luggage trolley through the arrivals lounge at Heathrow on Wednesday laden with suitcases, a £1,000 track racing frame, four wheels and with a receipt for an excess baggage bill of £350 (Peter Bryan writes). His sudden return to Lon-

don had abruptly terminated a year's contract of promise in South Africa, the country where the Yorkshire-born rider had learned to race.
The British professional

5.000 metres pursuit champion, world bronze medallist last year and world champion in 1989, had become disenchanted with his four South African team colleagues. There was, I consider, un-

fair criticism of me for lack of results," he said. "It started getting very nasty in the team, but i had already told myself, if things didn't work out, I "It could have been jealou-

would not stay for the year. sy that I had been brought in. I have had three wins on the track and been placed in road

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

goalline either? The counter- nical nature would be down-

Burt disappointed by bronze-winning run

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN TIGNES, FRANCE

Richard Burt won Britain's first medals in the Winter Paralympics yesterday, both taking bronze in the super giant slalom, Stockford in the LW10 class and Burt in the B3 dass.

Despite a couple of minor mistakes towards the bottom section, Stockford made up for lost time on the final gates. For Burt, the bronze came as a surprise as he was less than impressed with his performance. "I lost all speed on the top of the course and nearly hit the crash net," he said. "It wasn't a good run at all and it was only at the end I managed to pick it up."

Burt and his guide, Keith Hockley, first met at the Swiss championships three years ago where they won one gold and two silvers in their first races together. Next year Hockley plans to launch his own racing career alongside Burt. If Burt can get his FIS licence both men will race in every event that will allow

Burt to compete alongside the

MATTHEW Stockford and able-bodied athletes. Hockley will still act as his guide as

well as competing alone. "Richard has no big disabled championships next year and he already races in the British able bodied events so it should all work out well," Hockley said.

The two 19-year-olds comement each other's racing skills. Hockley is a specialist in the slalom and giant sla-lom while Burt will train in the slalom with his partner to improve his overall technique. Burt is angry that due to the pressure of numbers the blind skiers have been prevented from competing in the downhill here.

In the nordic events, Pete Young's challenge came adrift when he finished sixth in the opening 10km race. Lacking altitude training, he found the going hard in the warm and slushy conditions 1,500 metres above sea level and was beaten to the medals by the strong team from the Commonwealth of Independent States.

ROWING

Leander make title defence

BY MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE sixtieth Head of the River, from Mortlake to Putney on Saturday, has once again attracted an over-subscribed entry, requiring a draw to reduce it to the statutory 420 crews.

With 63 coming from Europe, including 44 from Germany and eight from Switzerland, the committee may have to impose a future limit on non-British crews if the trend continues. Leander, defending their

title, include seven world

medal winners, with Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent in the No. 5 and No. 4 seats respectively and Richard Stanhope at bow. Stanhope and Redgrave hold the record of eight Head wins

away, have seven internationals, including the Searle brothers and Martin Cross. London University. starting third, have three Great Britain rowers, the most notable being Tim Foster at stroke,

Molesey, following them

fourth place, are packed with Britain lightweights. The women's and lightweight Boat Races will be held at Henley on Sunday at

2pm. D Both Oxford and Cambridge universities cancelled their afternoon outings yes-terday as a strong wind, against an incoming tide, whipped up waves to produce potential sinking conditions. ON THE RIVER: Today: Oxford 10am and 2.50mm Cambridge 10am.

HOCKEY

Lawrie's return encourages Ealing

EALING are determined to international goalkeeper and our pattern, end Slough's hopes of completing a women's league and cup double when these two great rivals meet in the quarter-finals of the AEWHA Cup on Sunday (a Special Correspondent writes).

timely boost by the return said. "We'll have to be patient

captain, Sue Lawrie.

The Ealing coach, Alison Baker, admits that her players have had a disappointing league season but believes that they can make amends. "It's the last chance we have

Ealing have been given a of qualifying for Europe," she after injury of their Scottish and not allow them to disrupt

The Liverpool club, Hightown, and Blueharts, based in Hitchin, are the only quarter-finalists who will not be weakened by the unavailability of their Great Britain players.

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ershot player

wed to move

FA Cup semi-finals under increasing threat

Players challenge Premier League to find more cash

BY PETER BALL

THE threat of a players' strike will dominate this morning's meeting of the Premier League at Lancaster Gate. Unless a peace formula is found, the likelihood of the players pulling the plug on next weekend's FA Cup semifinals will begin to seem

.The auspices do not look good. Strike ballots were sent out on Monday and subsequent meetings in the last week between Rick Parry, the chief executive of the Premier League, and Gordon Taylor, his opposite number at the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), have failed to produce an agreement, although Parry, a professional optimist, remains hopeful.

get the clubs' backing to guarantee players' pension rights, to maintain the existing form of contracts and rules and regulations, to expand the role of the Profes-sional Football Negotiating Committee, to create the executive officers' group and to support the PFA in their desire to be represented on the appeals board on all disci"Which means the issue to be

resolved is money." That may prove the sticking point. The performance of the Chelsea chairman, Ken Bates, on television earlier in the week suggests that intran-

ence may rule. Taylor said last night: "It seems some chairmen are intent on returning to a feudal system. This is not just about money, but about the PFA being accepted as a partner in ensuring that football retains its position in this country.

"But if there is more and more money coming into the game for the Premier League clubs, that has to be down to the quality our members are producing on the field. Yet it seems the clubs are looking to disadvantage the people who are responsible for the money

coming in."

The players have hitherto been entitled to 10 per cent of television money for use for players' welfare, the football in the community scheme, education and training

Soundings suggest that the Premier League will offer five per cent, while refusing to give any guarantees as to the

Aldershot players allowed to move

allow any of the eight profes-sionals left jobless by the demise of Aldershot to be transferred to new clubs within the next week (Louise Taylor writes).

Transfer deadline day was yesterday, but the League felt that was unduly harsh on the players left out of work when the fourth division club folded. Gordon Taylor, of the Professional Footballers' Association, agreed the seven-day extension with Gordon

McKeag, League president.
The League confirmed yesterday that the membership" of Aldershot -- who were £1.27 million in debt and were wound up in the High Court last week — was terminated with immediate effect after a telephone call from the liquidator on Wednesday evening. All the club's fixtures have been expunged and the fourth division table re-

Carlisle United, of the go part-time next season.

TOMORROW should see a

turning point in the Bund-

esliga. Indeed, at the end of

the season, it could be seen as

the turning point. The visit of

second-placed Eintracht

Frankfurt to the leaders,

Borussia Dortmund, must

have a profound effect on the

destiny of the German cham-

In the short term, victory

would be enough to either lift

Dortmund three points clear of their nearest rivals or edge

Frankfurt into a one-point

lead. In the long term, defeat

dence and momentum that

would be, at best, difficult to

There is little to choose be-

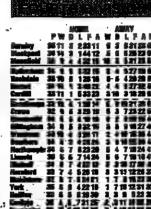
tween the clubs. Borussia are

undefeated in 18 matches,

and are the most consistent

side in the country, while

may leave a dem in confi-



fourth division, is up for sale, Andrew Jenkins, the chairman, said last night. He said the club was faced with increasing debts and continuing lower gates and half-amillion pounds was needed if it was to survive. Earlier he had said the club may have to

OVERSEAS POOTBALL BY PETER ROBINSON

Eintracht, arguably more tal-ented yet also more erratic,

have been brilliant in their

last five games, winning four

and drawing just one. Both

feel that this could be their

problems. An injury to Mich-

ael Rummeniggge has robb-

ed them of their focal point

and a midweek calf strain

sustained by Thomas Hel-mer, a midfield player, in the international with Italy in Tu-

rin on Wednesday has hardly

helped. Eintracht are blessed with

the most effective midfield in

the league, built on the still

improving partnership of Andy Möller and Uwe Bein.

The presence of the gifted Ghanaian forward; Anthony

Yeboah, must also worry

Borussia, however, have

amount involved. That seems unlikely to prove enough.

The negotiations mean that there is unlikely to be any discussion of the television negotiations this morning, al-though BSkyB have reportedly marched ITV's bid of £72 million over four years, with an element of pay-per-view to be introduced in the later

years of the contract, and the BBC are also involved. This means that the deadline set by FTV negotiators of March 31 will now have to be extended.

There may, however, be a decision by the clubs finally to resign from the Football League, and there are other pressing matters to consider as the preparations for the new league gather pace. Along with fixtures, pro-

posals for creating an elite "cadre" of 30 referees will be discussed. The suggestion that membership of the cadre will be under constant scrutiny, with referees whose marks fall below par being replaced during the season, is likely to produce heated debate elsewhere, if not at the Premier

Charlton launch debenture

CHARLTON Athletic are to launch a debenture share scheme for supporters in a last-ditch attempt to raise the money for a return to The Valley (a Special Corres-

pondent writes).
The club wrote to 6,000 members and eason-ticket holders yesterday, saying it still needs £3 million to stage League football next season at the ground it left in 1985, and £9 million to carry out its full redevelopment plans.

Liverpool's FA Cup semi-final against Portsmouth at Highbury on April 5 will kick off an hour later, at 1pm, after the Metropolitan Police agreed to the change to help travelling supporters.
South Yorkshire Police will

enforce strict segregation at the day's other semi-final, between Sunderland and Norwich City, the first to be played at Hillsborough since Germany awaits day of decision

Eintracht, on the other hand, have only a slight

doubt about their goalkeeper,

Uli Stein, and the memory of

the clubs' first meeting this

season. Then, in September, Eintracht won 3-0 - Dort-

Barcelona believe this

could be the weekend when

they finally overtake Real Madrid in the Spanish

league. Trailing by eight points at one stage earlier in

the season, they are now in

second place on goal differ-ence only and should com-

fortably account for Osassus

tomorrow night.

By then, Real will have

completed their match at lit-tle Albacete, who are fifth in the table and have lost just once since their 2-1 defeat at

the Santiago Bernebeu stadi-

mund's last defeat.

SPORTS POLITICS Cooke attacks bureaucrats

BY JOHN GOODBODY

land to the World Cup final

and consecutive grand slams

in the last two seasons, was

speaking about sport as a whole rather than rugby

He said it was "remark-

Under his belt: McKenzle successfully retained WBO bantamweight title

BOXING

McKenzie eyes third crown

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

Puerto Rica, in the eighth round at the Albert Hall.

Now, in the hope of finding

improved financial reward.

McKenzie, who has the dis-

tinction of being the first British boxer this century to

win two world titles at differ-

ent weights, is to try to be-

come the first to win three

world titles. After one more

defence he will challenge Jes-se Beussides, of Mexico, lat-er this year for the World Boxing Organisation super-

McKenzie said after his bout: "I would like to fight

for the super-bantamweight title to become three-times

bantamweight title.

union.

GEOFF Cooke, the manager of the England rugby union team, who is also the chief executive of the British Institute of Sports Coaches, yester-day bemoaned "the waste of an enormous amount of talent in this country because of

FOR all the publicity, ac-

claim and money being lav-ished by television and press

on British boners of the fash-

ionable divisions from wel-

terweight to heavyweight, it is still only the small man that provides boxing worth watching: Duke McKenzie, Duve McAnley, Paul Hodkinson, Pat Clinton, all world champions, and Colin McMillan, top world contender.

So it was not supprising to

So it was not surprising to see yet another punch-per-

fect performance from

McKenzie on Wednesday

wight, when he retained his World Boxing Organisation bantamweight title by stop-ping Wilfredo Vargas, of

the structure of sport." He ended his speech to the Recreation Management Conference by appealing for someone to have the courage to cut through the jungle of organisations, headed by the Central Council of Physical Recreation, the Sports Council, and the British Olympic Association. "No one has it at

the moment," he said. Overlapping of responsibilities, duplication of work, and infighting between all the umbrella organisations is holding back progress in the view of many observers.

Any attempt to change the situation is blocked by administrators who are desperate to keep control of their

own empires and civil serable" how well Britain did as vants frightened of resa nation over a range of activponsibility.
Cooke, who has taken Engities, but questioned whether the success was despite the

system rather than because of "We do not seem to be comfortable with consistent success," he said. "However, success is a great thing to feel. If we want success, we must gear our whole consideration

twice and that was to world.

McKenzie's manager,

Mickey Duff, said he would

be trying to arrange a de-fence against David White-boy, of South Africa, in South Africa or London before going for the third title.

Duff will first have to "buy

off" the No. 1 challenger Miguel Lora, of Mexico. "If

there is enough money on the table, Duke's next defence

could be against David
Whiteboy. But I would have
to pay the No. 1 challenger to
stand aside. It would happen
sooner rather than later as I

have a date here at the Albert

He advised people to read Machiavelli's The Prince to help in their dealing with committees. There seems to be in elected committees a need to control," he said.

He added that committees invariably set up sub-committees which established working parties. The referring back of recommendations made decision-making both slow and laborious.

He particularly wanted to see a national performance strategy for high level

OLYMPIC GAMES

IOC pressed to come clean on the extra votes

FROM DAVID MILLER IN SYDNEY

THE International Olympic Committee, already under pressure in several directions because of inadequate public relations, is being further undermined by lack of informa-tion and clarity on its own regulations. This particularly applies for cities bidding for the Olympic Games of 2000.

Sydney, in competition to host the millenium Games with Berlin, Brasilia, Istanbul, Manchester, Milan and Peking, is particularly wor-ried about the additional votes that are expected to be given to the international sports federations and nat-ional Olympic committees. Philip Coles, himself an IOC member and the secretary general of the Australian Olympic committee, considers that the names of these new voters should be declared at least a year in advance to

avoid any charge of secrecy.

It has been suggested that
the federations and NOCs will be given five collective votes each, which would amount to ten per cent of the ballot papers when added to some 90 IOC members. A mandated vote among that ten per cent would, therefore, have critical bearing on the outcome, especially in, say, a close decision between Sydney and Peking, at present regarded as the favourites. Manchester shares the view

that everything should be in the open, free of secrecy, clandestine "arrangements" and any bloc voting. If the IF/NOC nominees are disclosed, candidate cities will have the opportunity legitimately to lobby those individually the transfer of the control of t uals, the same as IOC

The feeling is, therefore,

that the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASLIF) and the Association of NOCs (ANOC), respectively headed by Primo Nebiolo, of Italy, and Mario Vazquez Rana, of Mexico, should appoint their five representatives each at the Barcelona Games this summer, one year before the session in Monte Carlo when the decision will be taken.

Berlin, perceived by some as one of the favourites, must have substantially lost support on account of racist abuse directed at Boris Becker and his non-white girlfriend and the mounting prevalence of neo-Nazi demonstrations.

It is also important that the IOC should publish clarified wording of the new regula-tion that permits any president of the IOC to appoint two discretionary members. irrespective of nationality. Juan Antonio Samaranch has already made Nebiolo his first appointee, yet it is not clear publicly that Nebiolo's nomation is in respect of his position as president of the international Amateur Athletic Federation, or that his IOC term of membership coincides with his IAAF position and that termination of the former would coincide automatically with that of the

Much of the initial confusion during the voting on this proposal at the session at the recent Winter Games was over the absence of clear wording. It was this that led to the Princess Royal and four others abstaining from the vote. The need for public relations even applies to the

ATHLETICS

London may go without pacemaker

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS COMMENTONDENT

THE strength of the men's elite field for the ADT London Marathon on April 12 could see the traditional pacemaker out of a job. It is a good enough entry to carry the winner to a fast time even without artificial help, according to Peter Nichols, the marathon's international

Nichols said yesterday that he had assembled a field to challenge the course record of 2hr 08min 16sec set by Steve Jones in 1985. "If the weather is fine it is going to break

the course record," he said. "The field is so fast and competitive that I do not think we are going to need a pacemaker. I will make a final decision in race week, but pacemakers have been used too liberally and detract

from the purity of the event."
None of the marathon luminaries is coming — no Bordin, Wakiihuri, Moneghetti or Taniguchi — but Nichols said: "We had a choice to go for the old names and we chose not to. In Olympic year there is always a danger of carrying athletes who do not want to run their hearts out. We have a lot who are keen to run fast."

Three examples are the Mexicans, Castillo, Chrisanto and Ayala, who must beat 2hr 10min merely to stand a chance of getting into their

IN BRIEF

Re-entry at **Bucharest**

SOUTH Africa's re-entry to international rugby will be on June 13, when they meet Romania in Bucharest. They will play a total five matches in Romania and Italy.

Pairs slip up Ice stating: Surprising errors

in the original programme by winners. Yelena Bechke and Denis Petrov, dropped the St Petersburg pair to sixth place when the world championships opened in Oakland,

Easy victory

Rackets: Lachlan Deuchar, the world No. 1, and James Male, world champion, de-feated the British Open champions, Chris Bray and Mike Gooding, in two easy sets, 6-2 6-1, in the Maitre D'Estournel European Open doubles at Queens Club.

Georgia joins

Olympic Games: Georgia, which is not a member of the Commonwealth of Independent States, has agreed to join the CIS Olympic squad being sent to Barcelona.

Games warm-up

Hockey: The four-nations Milton Keynes Challenge in June will be Great Britain's last event before the defence

YACHTING

Extra penalties push Smith down to fourth

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN PUERTO SHERRY, SPAIN

his strong challenge for the tee's muddled signals and Soling world championship and the British 3-man keel boat berth at the Olympic Games by counting a sixth and a fourth in yesterday's two gale-ridden races out in the Bay of Cadiz.

His attempt at the title could well have been foiled by remaining races.

The jury, under pressure to re-open the hearing into the second race by a players' strike called on Wednesday by 39 of the 40 by 39 of the 60 skippers. decided to add a 10-point penalty to those skippers, including Lawrie Smith, who

LAWRIE Smith continued misinterpreted the commitsailed the wrong course.

As a result. Smith and his crew have dropped from first to eighth in race order, and, after yesterday's events, now hold fourth overall, 18 points behind the German, Jochim Schumann.

If the remaining two races in the programme are can-celled, his position does give the British skipper the consolation of an entry into matchrace finals tomorrow and Sunday in which he could emerge as the world champion match racer.

MESULTS: Pitth race: 1, J Schumann (Gar), 2 R Heiner (Neith); 3, B Tassos (Gh) British: 6, L Smith; 8, G Charles; 26, A Petera. Bioth race: 1, Schumern: 2, P Anthy (Swe); 3, J Benk (Cen). British: 4, Smith; 15, Charles: 26, A Beckworth. Leading positions: 1, Schumann 35,4pis. 2, Bank, 46,1; 3, M Heimberg (Swe) 49,4; 4, Smith; 34, Other British: 12, Charles; 31, Beckinvorth; 33, Petera.

TENNIS

Winning French pair relegated to doubles

BY ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

GUY Forget and Henri Leconte, who won the Davis Cup for France last year, have surprisingly been left out of the singles for the quarterfinal tie against Switzerland in Nimes. Forget has had a wrist injury and Leconte has been troubled by further back problems, but both were expected to be fit.

Instead, Yannick Noah, the French Davis Cup captain, has chosen Arnaud Boetsch and Thierry Champion, who will make their singles debuts, leaving the heroes of the victory over the United States in Lyons to play doubles. "Neither Guy nor Henri were in the form or condition I would have

liked," Noah said. "I can't argue," Leconte said. "They are playing better than us at the moment on

clay. I'm a bit short for stamina."

Forget said: "Yannick made the right decision. I'm fit now but I always take a bit of time to adapt to clay. It's now up to us veterans to encourage and motivate the men out there on the court as they did for us in Grenoble last year."

Boetsch, a former European junior champion, will play Jakob Hlasek in the opening singles, while Champion meets Marc Rosset.

Tom Gorman, the United States captain, has assigned John McEnroe to partner Rick Leach in the doubles against Czechoslovakia, despite the erratic form of his singles players. Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras. The other quarter-finals are Sweden v Australia and Brazil v Italy.

MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NEA): Caliotta Homets 113, San Antonio Spura 108, Golden State Warnors 103, Debrut Persons 93; Boston Celtics 118, New Jersey Nets 110; Cleveland Cavalions 105, Crisndo Magie 98; Indiana Pacers 131, Washington Bullets 109; Marril Heat 105, Minnesora Timberwolves 97; Utah Jazz 100, Philadelphys 75ers 94; Phoenix Sens 132, Milweyline Bucks 104. BOWLS LLAVELLI: British types women's re-door international series: England bt instand, 133-106, England bt Wates, 125-100.

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BASKETBALL

FOOTBALL PONTINE CENTRAL LEAGUE: First

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bernaley 3, Sanderland 7. OLYMPIC CUALIFYING TOURDU-MERT; Mexico 1, United States 2 (in Mexico City).

Late results on Wadnesday INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Scotland 1, Finland 1 (at Hampden Park; Italy 1, Germany 0 (in Turin); Hungary 2, Austin 1 (in Budapest); Netherlands 2, Seighun 3 (in Paris); Lusembourg 2, Turkey 3 (in Paris); Lusembourg 2, Turkey 3 (in Figurescand))

UEFA UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals, second legs: Italy 2, Caschoslovakta 0 (in Padus; 200; 4-1);

PORTHERECORD IN THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O Sweden 1, Netherlands 0 (in Vexio: agg: 2-2; Sweden win an away goal).
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Derby County 2, Plymouth Angyle 0
MFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Frickley 2, Blandy Auditand 0.
FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Tottenham 1, Manchester United 2 (agg: 1-5). HONG KONG: Dunhill Cup: Qualifying nourmament: First round: 148: faily, South Arica, 144: South Koree, Canada, 145: Thalland, Hong Kore, 146: Anthonism Trainy, 147: Missico, Waltes (M Moutend 74, P Pvice 73, P Perkin 76), Philippines, Fiji.

UGOLINO, Florence: Volvo Open: First round: 58: P Lawrie. 99; M Groriberg (Swe), S Traning (Den) 71: P McGinley, S Sottemiey, G Brand & . 72: L Flori, O Vincent (US), 73: P Affiscit. 74: Oard Silva (Por.), B Longraph; C Cox, J Sandelan (Swe), J Payma. 75: R Williason, C Rauterson (US), M Mackenzie. 76: O Estideen (Den), 77: R Sjoberg (Swe), A HII. 76: R Gonzolas (Arg), S Smith, G Krause. 79: D Westermark (Swe). 50: S Simpton (US).

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Fourth division Cancelled: Aldershot v York. GM Vauxhall Conference Northwich v Tellard (7.45)...

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RUGBY UNION COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP First division: Gloucester 22, Lundo trish 15

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PRESTON: Embassy world champion-ship: Third qualifying round (Eng unless stated): C Edwards bt K Ashly, 10-5, J Campbel (Aus) bt L Griffin, 10-6; A Hotsa bt B Golten (Can), 10-1, J McLaughtin (N Ire) bt A Keamsy (Ire), 10-8, J Wych (Can) bt S Campbel, 10-9, B West bt D Rippon, 10-7; S Meissh bt L Dood, 10-6; K Stevens (Can) leads P Daubney, 5-4; C Thorburn (Can) level with D Teybor, 33; A Hamilton bt M Rowing, 10-8; I Graham bt B L Orange (Nor), 10-7; S Murphy (Ire) bt S Hughes (Ire), 10-6; S Duggan bt P Medels, 10-8; C Small (Scot) bt R Lawler (Eng), 10-8; I J Swest (N Yer) bt J Prince (N Ire), 10-9.

SAN ANTORIO, Texas: US women's hardcourt championships: Second round; N Texass (Fr) bit P Fendick (US), 7-6, 6-3; L MeNat (US) bit N Baudone (I) 8-1, 6-3; P Shriver (US) bit M Javer (GB), 8-2, 6-2; R Reggi-Concato (II) bit M Babel (Ger), 8-1, 6-5; E Merochova (GB) bit N Medvedova (CB), 7-6, 8-4.

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the results of last Sunday's farcical second race, coupled with storm force winds

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THE TIMES SPORT

FRIDAY MARCH 27 1992

Clive Allen makes surprising transfer to West Ham

Chelsea attract £1.2m in deadline sell-up

BY CLIVE WHITE

CHELSEA were at the centre of potentially £1.2 million worth of business on transfer deadline day yesterday, and it was all in the role of seller.

In a surprising move, Clive Alien joined West Ham United for £275,000 just three months after arriving at Stamford Bridge, while Jason Cundy, the England Under-21 central defender, went to Tottenham Hotspur on loan with a view to a permanent £750,000 move.

The exodus from Stamford Bridge was completed by Kevin Wilson, who was sold to Notts County for E150,000.

Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, stressed that the sales had nothing to do with the proposed purchase of the ground from Cabra Estates, in which he yesterday bought a 27 percent stake. "Ian Porterfield wants to change

things around, that's all." The departure of Allen and Cundy will come as a particu-lar surprise to Chelsea supporters. Allen had been hailed as the bargain buy of the season after his E250,000 move from Manchester City, and Cundy was seen by many, including Andy Townsend, the captain, as definitely one for the future.

Allen had scored nine goals for Chelsea, but with the dub

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their first division future secure, they obviously decided it was time to cash in on football's wandering star, who has now changed clubs for a total of £6.4 million over a period of 12 years.

Because he is suspended. Allen's first game for his new ciub will be against Chelsea on April 4. "I've said all along that we needed quality players to help in our present position, and Clive is certainly one of those," Billy Bonds, West Ham manager.

Cundy's loan move to White Hart Lane is similar to the deal that the financially hamstrung Tottenham club has arranged with Crystal Palace over the temporary transfer of Andy Gray, who is set to sign for the club at the end of the season.

Cundy has been a firstteam regular this season, developing a good understanding with Paul El-liott in central defence. He ought to be of particular ben-efit to Tottenham in their

efforts to avoid relegation. An eminently more predictable transfer was that of Alan McLoughlin, from Southampton to Portsmouth for £400,000. Southampton had agreed a fee with their south coast neighbours some weeks ago while the player was on loan to Portsmouth, but were

OPR to Man Utd Oldham to Aston

Arsenal to Liverpool ... Leicester to Derby Co.

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now out of the FA Cup and their first division future setwo sides might meet in the FA Cup.

With Southampton out of that competition, the Repub-lic of Ireland international is now able to start rebuilding his career, which had stag-nated at the Dell following his £1 million move there two seasons ago from Swindon Town. Portsmouth will now be at liberty to play him in the play-offs and against anyone they choose at Wembley, should they beat Liverpool in next week's semi-final.

Coventry City have signed Les Sealey, of Aston Villa and formerly Manchester United. on loan until the end of the season. Steve Ogrizovic, the first choice, is still on crutches after injurying his ankle in training and Clive Baker, his understudy, is recovering from an appendix operation. Sealey began his career at Highfield Road. Like Allen, he is not available on Saturday against Tottenham

because of suspension.
Geoff Thomas, the England midfield player, last night signed a four-year con-tract with Crystal Palace. Thomas has agreed a deal that will keep him at Palace until he is 31.

The Palace captain said: "I would not have contemplated staying if I thought the club was not going places. People

By CLIVE WHITE

ONE can say, with some

degree of certainty, that Clive Allen is never likely to be awarded a testimonial. Indeed, he has rarely ever

stayed long enough at one club to benefit from an an-

nual increment, not that

that has meant he has lost out financially from his wanderings. Far from it.

Allen's nomadic exis-

tence, which continued yes-

terday with the eighth

move of his career from

Chelsea to West Ham Uni-

ted, is not just about mon-

ey. It is about the

appreciation of a quality that clubs place an absolute

premium on, goalscoring;

and few players are as con-

sistently good at it as Allen.

"He is probably the finest volleyer, half-volleyer and manipulator of goal-scoring chances from six to

20 yards as there is around

today," David Pleat, the Lu-

Pleat, when manager of

Tottenham Hotspur, had

the privilege of seeing Allen

score 49 goals in a season
— an achievement without

ton Town manager, said.

Allen completes

his eighth move

club, but with Steve Coppell potential to be one. We reached the FA Cup final two years ago and finished third in the League last season. We

must build on that." Thomas made his comeback from injury in the re-serves at Swindon on Wednesday and he hopes to return to League action at Notts County tomorrow. He said: "I only resumed training at the start of the week and the foot felt fine after the reserve match. I would like to

play on Saturday."
Forward Mark Bright, 29, has also pledged himself to Palace. He rejected a £1 mil-lion bid by Wimbledon and said: "I have two more years of my contract to run, but I am prepared to stay longer if the club want me to."

Palace's young striker David Whyte, who has lost his first-team place, is set to join Charlton on loan until

the end of the season.

Paul Gascoigne had the stiches removed from his injured knee yesterday and Peter Shreeves, the Tottenham Hotspurmanager, said: "It should now, touch wood, be all sytems go." Dave But-ler, the Tottenham physio-therapist, said: "He should be playing in a month."

parallel in modern times. "You don't often see him

dribbling around a couple

of players before scoring,"

what he does best and he

Think of a goalscover and managers inevitably think

of Allen, particularly at this

stage of the season when a player like him can mean

the difference between rele-

gation or not. He has been

a prolific scorer wherever

he has gone, no matter how short a time he has stayed.

Pleat tried to sign him earlier in the season for Lu-

ton but they could not agree personal terms, even though Manchester City

had accepted the bid. The fee has seldom been a prob-

lem where Allen is con-

cerned. Clubs generally get

Arsenal paid Queen's Park Rangers £1.25 million

for him 12 years ago and were not dissatisfied with

the business, despite the fact he never kicked a ball

for them in the 62 days he was at the club. He was

exchanged for Kenny

sansom, of Crystal Palace,

before the start of the

Allen, aged 30, is the third member of his family

to play for West Ham. Mar-tin, his cousin, is there now

and Paul, another cousin,

layed for them before join-

Taylor, the England manag-

Taylor has a dilemma.

With only two months to go

before the squad leaves for the

final build-up to the tourna-ment in Sweden, he must

either maintain his trust in a

vulnerable reserve goalkeeper

or call in a replacement, such

as Martyn, who will inevita-

Seaman, himself, is some

bly be short of experience.

er, said yesterday.

1980-1 season.

ing Tottenham.

their money's worth.

does it so well."

Strike moves, page 37



Heading for overtime: Derrick Cooper plays to the 18th hole during the Sunningdale Foursomes yesterday morning. Victory at the first extra hole earned him a place in today's semi-finals. Report, page 36

Faldo returns to form to challenge Brown

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN PONTE VEDRA, FLORIDA

NICK Faldo yesterday found something like his old game, if not his putting touch, when he moved into contention for The Players Championship with a first round of 68 here on the TPC Stadium course.

Billy Ray Brown, of the United States, captured the early lead by equalling the course record with a 64, eight under par. But Faldo buckled down to the task of getting back on track following a disappointing performance when he missed the halfway cut in the Nestle Invitational

at Bay Hill last week.

Jose-Maria Olazábal and Sandy Lyle scored 69 and 71 respectively but Severiano Ballesteros and Ian Woos-

nam each took 75. Faldo's 68 was his lowest score in 22 rounds on this course and it would have been better if he had putted with more authority. He has switched to a new putter but still failed to capitalise on several fine approach shots.

Even so, he was naturally delighted to continue his re-

habilitation. He does not

need reminding that he has won only once in the last 16 months.

Faldo has few rivals when it comes to spending time on the practice range but he is seeking to get into a groove whereby he does not need to spend all day working on his

He is clearly not entirely happy, judging by the time he takes to decide which type of shot to play. His group fin-ished 28 minutes behind the one in front.

Payne Stewart, who was paired with Faldo, said: "When you play with Nick, you have to prepare yourself for it. I know his mannerisms and that he is mericulous. He's never going to hit a shot before he is ready."

Faido began at the 10th,

where he holed from 18 feet - his longest putt of the round - for a birdie. He came out of a bunker to two feet for another birdie at the next. Then, at the 18th, he struck a glorious four-iron into the wind from 183 yards

more than a tap-in. A six-iron to three feet gave him a two at the 12th but he took three putts at the 15th. He responded with a seven-iron to four feet for another birdle at the next.

"I usually try to forget this place," he said. "I've twice shot 69 but they were my only sub-70 rounds before today. I still need to get the right touch with my putting but the game is good. It should be after all the work I've done with David Leadbetter."

Olazabal is in good heart at the moment, following two wins in Europe, and he was able to digest the disappointment of taking six at the 16th. where he struck a tree with three successive shots. He

three successive shots. He had five bindies:
EARLY LEADING SIRBT-ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 64: 8 R Brown. 67: M Broote. 62: N Fetch (GS), J Dely, S Simpson, T Rurtair. 68: B Sander, D Tevest, S Gunp, J Maggart, D Edwards, F Roberts, M Harwood (Just), D Rummells, P Acinger, B McCallister, P Stewert, R Twey, J-M Onzabbot (Sp), J Stocies. 70: R Fetv., R Wrenn, T Lehmen, D Pohl, L Waddors, Lusy, S Ulsey. Others 77: A Lyfe (GS), 72: A North, 73: R Daves (Aus), F Couples, 75: S Satisateros (Ep), I Woseners. 77: C Strange.

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WBO title chance earned

BY BRYAN STILES

COLIN McMillan, one of the most gifted and intelligent boxers in Britain, is to challenge for a world title much earlier than he expected. He is to meet Mauricio Stecca for the Italian's World Boxing Organisation featherweight title at the Alexandra Palace, London, on May 2, in a package worth £600,000.

McMillan, who chose boxing as his profession after securing seven O levels and three A levels at school, had plotted a course to bring him to world championship status by the end of this year, but he feels he is mature enough to take up the challenge six weeks from now.

The deal was concluded as the boxers met again in London yesterday following their successful non-title, bouts the previous evening against Mexican opponents at a Dagenham leisure centre. Both won in the sixth round, McMillan against Tommy Valdez and Stecca against Roy Muniz. Both were impressive and both, naturally, declared yesterday that they were confident of victory on May 2.

McMillan said: "The time is right for me to take the title. It has come quicker than I expected, but I am confident. I saw a few weaknesses last night that I can exploit. He looks good, but I have the experience and the ability to beat him."

Stecca, who comes from Rimini, and had to speak mostly through an interpreter, smiled and said very little, except: "Si, he is a good fighter. I have seen him on video and live, and there is a differ-ence. McMillan is much stronger than on video. Si. I

Frank Warren, the promoter said it was second only to the package he had put together for the Terry Marsh v Akio Kameda, International Boxing Federation welter-weight contest in July, 1987.

McKenzie's reward, page 37

Yorkshire turn to **Tendulkar**

YORKSHIRE are to offer terms to Sachin Tendulkar, the young Indian batsman. He is being sought as a replacement for the Australian fast bowler Craig Mc-Dermott, who withdrew from his contract because of injury (Martin Searby writes).

Tendulkar, aged 19 next month, is discussing a contract to become Yorkshire's first overseas player through his intermediary. Sunil Gav-

Although Yorkshire's prime need is for a fast bowler, Tendulkar will fulfil the requirement of the sponsor, Yorkshire Television, of being a crowd-puller.

He made his first class debut at 15, was capped at 16 and has already made centuries against England and

☐ Bridgetown, Barbados: Richie Richardson will captain West Indies in next month's Test match against South Africa.

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Seaman's standards slip under close scrutiny

BY STUART JONES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

Allen: nomadic

DAVID Seaman is letting his international career slip through his trembling

Although his standards are consistently high for Arsenal, the nation's most expensive goalkeeper demonstrated in Prague on Wednesday that he is incapable of safely han-

dling England's security. His ability is beyond dispute. But his temperament, first doubted in the fixtures against the Republic of Ireland and Argentina last year. was so evidently shaky against Czechoslovakia that Graham Taylor can scarcely afford to retain him even as

understudy for Woods. thing of a novice. Introduced It could be beneficial that in Saudi Arabia four years Seaman's nerves have been ago, he had started on only

exposed now rather than in four other occasions before the European championship. Wednesday. where one error could be cost-A lack of genuine practice ly. He committed several for such a specialised position

against Czechoslovakia. can be damaging - as Taylor whose second goal went was reminded by a former through his legs.
"It would be silly to say England goalkeeper on Wed-Peter Bonetti, given three anything other than his was an unhappy performance."

hours' notice before replacing Gordon Banks in the World Cup quarter-final against West Germany in 1970, concedes that he was caught cold in his first outing for six months. Polgnantly, perhaps, it was also to be his last for England. Taylor has not been afraid

to experiment. He has so far picked 48 players, including no fewer than 21 in the last two internationals. The tests have been exhaustive, particularly recently, but few results have been positive.

He has found an assured oung right back, Jones, although he was not originally scheduled to make his debut

He has also promoted two gifted forwards, Shearer and vierson, both of whom marked their first appearances with a goal. They have shown that, unlike Seaman, they can "cope with the big time", as Taylor puts it. All three have probably

earned the right to be selected in the squad for the European championship, which will be partially used to prepare for the World Cup qualifying ties DEM SESSON

Yet their promise has been outweighed by other individual and collective short-

before the interval at Wem- said. The lesson, like En-

bley last month that Taylor admitted he was reduced to praying that France would not score a goal, which he feared would be decisive.

The extensively rearranged line-up against Czechoslovakia was "at times, all over the shop". The flaws featured Rocastle, "who can't get the words full back out of his mind and was caught in noman's-land"; Clough, "who found his opponent too strong and quick for him"; and Barnes, "who misread his playing instructions".

Keown could hardly contain Skuhravy legitimately and was fortunate to be booked later, four minutes from the end, rather than sooner. "He learnt a great omings. deal about playing against someone of that class." Taylor

gland's as a whole, was often painful.

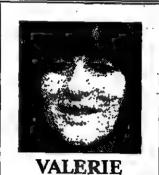
The education promises to continue in Moscow next month. Someone must be found to occupy the right flank - possibly Sinton or, preferably, Steven - and especially the area that remains the weakest, midfield. Taylor indicated that the versatile Palmer, who shone in the B team on Tuesday, may be tried there.

The search for the most suitable line-up is scheduled to end before the fixtures in Hungary and against Brazil in May. That will be a relief. So far the changes, some of which have been enforced. have produced more chaos and confusion than shafts of enlightenment.

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If I should die, think only this of me

The celebration of death by the celebrants of life. such as the novelist Angela Carter, is a carefully considered affair



GROVE

he friends of Angela Carter, the novelist who died last month, have received a pretty invitation for this Sunday morning. It is bright pink, opens up like a stage set with curtains, and shows animals, flowers and birds including a parrot with an RSVP in its beak. "Angela Carter," it says. You are invited to a celebration of her life and works at the Ritzy Cinema . . ."

Some of the guests at the Ritry

may also have received invitations to celebrate the life of Sebastian Walker, the publisher of children's books who died last year, at a concert and supper at the Royal College of Music with the Alberni Quartet. The generous "Sebby", who was only 48 when he died, always did give good parties.

These are not memorial services, but the contemporary equivalent, a "celebration of the life of", which is how we now try to relieve death of its sting, the grave of its victory. Friends do not care much for funerals, on the whole, but nobody minds going to a thanksgiving, which routs our uneasy diffidence about death.

Angela Carter died of cancer at the age of 51. There was a small. a traditional memorial service was out of the question. "Any whiff of heaven," says Susannah Clapp, her literary executor, "would have gone down very badly with An-gela." Instead, she decided, as wanted her friends to gather in one of her favourite buildings — she suggested the Granada cin-ema. Tooting — to watch her favourite films.

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She felt that London is divided. like England, into north and south, rich and poor, and she identified strongly with south London. She loved the kitschy giamour of the Granada: when she was a child it had a hall of mirrors and a cyclorama. But it is now a bingo hall; so the Ritzy at Brixton was picked instead (where they will soon show an Angela Carter season of the films she liked best.) On Sunday there will be readings from her work; Tariq Ali will speak about her politics; and Michael Berkeley, the composer, will play the records she chose for her Desert Island Discs. She was due to record the programme with Sue Lawley, but was too ill to do so,

in the last week of her life. Why do we need these rituals, even the most atheistic among us? Because the commonplace crematorium service is too perfunctory. detached, almost a betrayal of the person — "a quarter of an hour, with a queue of other hearses waiting" as Canon John Oates, of St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, says. His Wren church is London's fourth most popular venue for memorials after Westminster Abbey, St Margaret's, and St Paul's, and families, however irreligious their habits, come to him in bereavement, because they feel the need to mark the life that is lost, and his church is there for people when they need it. He takes care to find the appropriate songs for the choir to sing, no matter how secular. "Wasn't there anything he used to sing or whistle around the house?" be asked one man's family. Yes, he was told, he was a fanatical West Ham supporter: 50 the choir sang "I'm Forever Blow-ing Bubbles". "The right song can be such an echo of the person," he says. "It is a tremendously thera-

peutic thing."
So those who gather may hear calypso bands, jazz quartets, bagpipes, torch songs: the choir will sing "Bridge Over Troubled water", "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes", a medley from Phantom of the Opera, the "Skye Boat Song", if necessary, along with the more predictable "Crimond".

givings as "a celebration of life. In death, as in life: Corinaa Thurggod's invitation to the celebration of the life of Angela Carter



"Any whiff of heaven, would have gone down very hadly": Instead, Angela Catter decided to invite her closest friends to her favourite cinema to watch her favourite films. But the cinema was no more

part of God's creation, and an opportunity to meditate on the mortality of all of us, because the one unalterable fact of life is death." Even the agnostic may be struck by a sense of belonging to a church when the time comes. The late George Gale spoke at a friend's memorial at St Bride's. rogue like me talking about a rogue like him in a place like this," he said, "but we feel we belong here." A few months later, George was being celebrated there him-self, with "Where Have All the Flowers Gone" sung by the choir to reflect his opposition to the Gulf war. Sam White, the Evening Standard's Paris corres-

pondent since 1945, who died in 1988, was a Melbourne-born Jew, but his St Bride's memorial was perfectly appro-priate. Apart from an excellent address by Lady Soames, there was a hauntingly slow render-ing of "I Love Paris" and at the end everyone sang "Waltzing Matilda" and left feeling rather jolly. Fearful of funerals, col-

leagues and friends feel they can comfort ably gather at such a thanksgiving, by which time laughter is permitted, even necessary. There no clerical objection to laughter in church, and people remember best the addresses that made them laugh. Michael Frayn is a master of this delicate art. Services which have only fawning encomia of Nil nisi bonum are unconvincing. Fenella Fielding recalls that the dancer John Gilpin's memorial seemed to consist of unrelieved adulation until Evelyn Laye swept up to the lectern and told an immensely long story at the end of which Gilpin had bought her a face-pack with the withering remark: "Anyway, Boo dear, you need it." At which point the

congregation felt like applauding.
At Bertice Reading's memorial
they were unabashed and did
applaud each piece, as if it were st another show. There is consolation in favourite

seems almost obligatory to include "Jerusalem", "Lord of the Dance", "Amazing Grace", "Fear no More the Heat o' the Sun", or "The Battle Hymn of the Republic") and in familiar lines of poetry and prose. Vicars may become a trifle weary, as I am, of hearing the ubiquitous Henry Scott Holland lines: "Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room . . . Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together... What is this death but a negligible accident?... I am but waiting for you for an interval, somewhere very near just around the corner . . . all is well", which are often horribly inappo-

"The right song can be such an echo of the person. It is a tremendously therapeutic thing'

site. But it does no harm to think about what might be apposite --To everything there is a season from Ecclesiastes. De La Mare's "Look thy last on all things lovely, every hour ..." Amelia Johnson Burr's "Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die", Christina Rossetti's "When I arn dead" ("Sing no sad songs for me") or "Better by far you should forget and smile! Than that you should remember and be sad".

As a nation we do not honour our dead ceremonially, with exceptions like the funerals of Churchill and Mountbatten, each meticulously planned by the dead men themselves — in Churchill's case down to the last gun-carriage, and in Mountbatten's with the piquant addition of the televised obituary he prepared of himself in advance. Dead poets and novelists can pack a cathedral (Graham Greene, Sir John Betjeman) but Auberon Waugh claims that even a middlehymns and songs (sometimes it brow French writer gets a more

flamboyant adieu: he once saw gilt-caparisoned chevaliers parad-ing down the Avenue Victor Hugo, closed to traffic, for the funeral of Marcel Pagnol.

Actors fare better, and the theatrical memorial service achieved its apotheosis with the televised one for Lord Olivier at Westminster Abbey in 1989. which included recordings of his own voice, so that the Agincourt speech from Henry V preceded the Te Deum Laudamus".

A pageant of this magnitude Patrick Garland: "Imagine a show with Gielgud, Guinness, Mills, Fairbanks, Jacobi, Caine, Scoffeld, Finney,

O'Toole, Peggy Ashcroft, Maggie Smith, Dorothy Tutin, a capacity house of 2,000 and no rehearsal

They could have filled the seats five times over, and the starry cast was as nervous as if Larry might be listening. Sir John Mills was to have read something sombre and liturgical, but rang Gar-land to say that his friend-

ship with Larry had been based on lokes, often rather coarse. He'd be able to hear Larry's voice saying, "Come off it, old cock ..." so he was given I Corinthians 13 instead.

In a more minor key, there was a thanksgiving for Sir John Betje-man, held, a month after his huge Westminster Abbey memorial, in Comwall, where he had died and was buried. The service at St Endellion (whose very name "is like a ring of bells") was free of pomp, full of laughter, and fol-lowed by tea on the vicarage lawn. In the same church later, John Amis recited"How to get on in society" ("Phone for the fish-knives, Norman") and James Morell singing a musical version of Joan Hunter Dunn. He would have liked that.

lderly people measure out their lives in the memorials of friends, relieved that it is not yet their turn. "Haven't seen you for a

long time," Sir William van Strauberzee said the other day to a Tory MP, who replied: "Well, we haven't had any memorial services to go to." The parties are, like Irish wakes, often more lavish than anything in the departed lifetime. The party at the Reform Club after the service for the much-eulogised reporter David Blundy, killed in San Salvador at the age of 44, was so enjoyable that Hunter Davies decided to change his will to leave money for just such a party when

Carmen Callil, Angela Carter's

publisher, has put a codicil in her will for a grand hooley. Sir Robin Day is thinking of surprising everyone with a pre-recorded tape saying "Good morning! How very kind of you all to come", and inviting mourners to repair to the Garrick for champagne. As a final gesture, the late Jill Bennett left specific instructions: her coffin doors, which upsets people (instead it remained in place while the guests filed out to "I Left My Heart In San Francisco") and cases of champagne were to wait at her house, which nobody was to leave weet the less bettle was leave until the last bottle was

Others do not care for these insouciant approaches to their departure. Paul Johnson has told his wife he does not want any of this celebration nonsense. "I want a straightforward requiem mass, in Latin, with plainchant and the "Dies Irae", the greatest of all medieval poems. If one is leaving this life and going into the un-known, the Catholic church knows how to conduct the proceedings with dignity and majesty.

"I think the address should be death is a terrible thing. Someone has gone, we know not whither, and that should be the keynote. If people have celebrations in cinemas, that is different, they can make their own rules; but once in a church it is by nature religious, if not in content then in tone." In a way one pities the atheists, because granted their beliefs, death is annihilation. For Christians it is a new beginning, glorious as well as dreadful."

I recall a secular gathering for another writer, Anne Sharpley, called Remembering Anne, held in a sunny room overlooking the Thames. Pieces of her work were read out, her Desert Island Discs were played, and money was collected to build a sun-dial in her name, a cheering memorial. A poem by Edna St Vincent Millay was included because it struck a note of dismay about death, the last line reading "But I do not approve. And I am not resigned." Agnostics need not go gentle into that good night. Even militant agnostics, however, sometimes relax their objections to the spiritual when they hear a beautiful rendering of the Magnificat, the Nunc Dimittis, Ave Maria or Jesu Piu

from Faure's Requiem sung by a lone choirboy. But no such compromise would have been acceptable for Angela

Carter, who cast a laser-beam eye (in Carmen Callil's words) on the world. For Ms Carter, only pure celebration would do. "Celebrate: honour, observe, hallow, ritualise, acclaim, applaud, cheer, laud, carouse, rejoice, revel..." said her agent Deborah Rogers, consulting her thesaurus. "It sums up our

At least these combinations of festchrift and memento mori give

people some means of dealing with the unmentionable: and in their private thoughts guests can allow "the eternal note of sadness

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Set, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 136r MEARTBREAK HOUSE Paul Sorfield and Vaness Redgaree had Trevor Nunn's splendid csat in Shaw's timeless, state-of-England drains. Theatre Royal, Hoymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mate Wed, [44, 2.30pm. 25mlns.

NEW RELEASES

HIGH HEELS (18): Talkative melodrams of family secrets from Spain's master of camp, Pedro er. With Victoria Abril, Meries MGM Chelpes (071-352 5098) Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-436 3396).

FREEJACK (15): Emilo Estevez si iddrapped into the future for a mind transplant. Depressing high-tech adventure; with Mick Jagger, Anthony Hopkins Director, Geoff Murphy MGM Futham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Onford Street (071-838 0310) MRSM Trecadero (071-434 0031) Whiteleye (071-792 3332).

MY OWN PRIVATE IDAHO (16): drifters searching for a place to call

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NECESSARY ROUGHNESS (12) American college football team mais good. Crushingly dull, with cliches galore. With Scott Bakula, Hector Elizando, Robert Loggia: director. Si do, Robert Loggia: director, Sten Dragoti MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Pleza (071-497 9398)

CURRENT APOCALYPSE NOW! (18): Coppole's gargantuan Vietnam odyssey, revi 70mm. Martin Shoon as the special agent with orders to full Merian

mum Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025) ndo's rogue Calonel. BARTON FINK (15) The Coen brothers' monvellous mucabne convoly about a New York playwright all at see in 1940s Hollywood. Starring John Turturre, John Goodmen. A Imple

Cerves prizewinner Barbican (071-638 6891) Remoir (071-

LA BELLE NOISEUSE (15): Jacques Rivette's hypnotic & ploration of a painter and his model, struggling to

TODAY 5 EVENTS A daily guide to arts and inment compiled by Karl Knight

BBC PHILMARIACNIC ONCHESTRA: Sec PHILMARIAMIC ONCHESTRA-Robin Mollowey's new Vielin Concerte is given its first performance by the BSC Philharmenic tunder conductor Jerzy Maksymisk, with the underrated Ernst Kovacic as solicist. The programme is completed with music by Revel, Debussy and Fauré. The composur gives a pre-concert talk at 6.30pm Royal Northen College of Music, 134 Codord Read, Marchester (081-273 4504/5634), tonight, 7.30pm.

THE JUDAS TREE: Despite its 1998, Kenneth Mackillen's newest befird is neither Biblical nor religious, but it is about a men betraying his best triend. Chorsographed for 14 men and one woman from the Poyal Ballet, The Judies Tree Includes two murders, one reperson of the Includes to the manual of the Includes to the Includes the and a hunging in the space of 40 minutes. The commissioned accr minutes. The commissioned acors is by Brian Elles, Also on the same triple bill are two fine Balanchine works: Strawinsky Violin Concerto and Symphony & C. Lest performances this season. Hoyal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1086), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

DIVERSIGNS DANCE COMPANY: This Cardiff-based troups presents the Lendon premiers of Bill T. Janes's Hatory of College, Revisited, Jones's Hatory of College, Revisited, Jones's mat original work for a British dance company. Sex, politics and testion all feature among the images in the

THEATRE GUIDE Jeremy Kingston's assessment

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III THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III. Nigel Hewthorne is very fine as a stricken king, but as a whole, Alen Bennett's play does not quits work. National (Lytishon), South Bank, 8E1 National (Lytetton), South Bank, 8 (071-928 2252), Yorkght, tomorrow, 7.30pm, met tomorrow, 2.15pm. 170mine.

P MOEY DICK: A girl's school pubs on a fund-releing show. Tony Monopoly plays a headreletness playing Captain Anab. Beached musical. Piccadilly, Danman Street, W1 (071-867 1118), Mon-Sat, Spm. mat Sat, Apra. 135mins.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Clerkoverose of the old briller: tunde by Offenbach, Varid and Weber but not Lloyd Webber. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury, Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399), Mon-Fn. 7.30pm, Sat. 8.30pm, mets Thurs, 3pm, Sat.

THE POCKET DREAM: Foolist Division of A Addissammer Night's Division, with Mike McShene and Sandi Toksvig. Dedicated fans only. Albery, St Merth's Lane, WC2 (071-967 1116). Tues-Sat, 7.46pm, mets Sat, Sun, 3pm. 135mms.

P SOME LINE IT HOT: But what we get is lukuwamii. Tominty Steele in poor musical version of film.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Satt, 7.45pm. nate Thurs, Sat. 3pm. 165mins II STRAIGHT AND NARROW! Noholas Lyndhurst, Neil Deglish and

CINEMA GUIDE

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complete en abandoned carries Cicee to a masterpiece. With Michel Piccoll, Emmanuelte Béser, Jane Birkin. Chelses (271-351 3742/3743) Metro (071-437 0757) Renotr (071-837 8402).

BLACK ROBE (15): Seventeenth century Jesuit (Lothaire Bluteau) tries to century include in neithern Quebec.
Intelligent epic from Brian Moore's

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♦ BUGSY (18): Warren Beatty m BUGSY (18): Warren Beatty se Bugsy Blogst, the gargater who invented Las Veges. Sleek, witty, dazzing to behold. Starring Arnert Bening; director, Barry Levinson. Camden Parkwey (071-287 7034) MSM (258-268) Sept. (171-388) Screen on Baker Struct (0428 91-863) Screen on Baker Struct (071-353 2772) Whiteleys (071-782 3332).

CAPE FEAR (18): Demonic ax-con Robert De Nino terrorises Nick Notte and turnity, Martin Scorasse's teroclous, unpleasant number of a classic reverge thriller. With Jessica Lange, Juliette

Taute.

Camden Perisaray (071-267 7034) Empire (071-467 9699) MGM Baker Street (071-835 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2696) MGM Trocacer

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONIQUE THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONICULE (15): Krzysztel Kleelowski's brilismity filmed conundrum about two girls (on Polish, one French) who seem to shan a file With lether Jacob, Philippe Volte Curzon Haylar (07) 445 8855)

FRIED GREEN TOMATOES AT THE WHISTLE STOP CAPE (12) Halling WHISTLE STOP CAPE (12) Huminwarming lives of helety tofus down South. Shaflow, but ingratiating. With Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy, Mary Shart Meaterware, Effector, Jon Avnet. Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeon Haymarket (0426 914866) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (07)-732 3000).

American's surreal denouvork. Presented as part of the Spring Loaded feetival. The Place, 17 Duke's Road, Loaden WC1 (071-367 0031), tesight, temorrow

GROSBY, STILLS AND MASH: The calebrated band offers its first UK date since 1982 with two rights of concerts promoting the re-released C.S.M.Y. best-of complication, So Fist. The absence of Neil Young may be telling, but you can occur to a some classic sweet Strites folk rock. Hentmarsmith Odeca, Cusen Caroline Street, London WS (081-741 4868), tomorrow, Sun, £45pm. orrow, Sun, 6.45pm.

CHICK COREA ELEKTRIC BAND; II you like your jazz funky then it's worth catching the man who helped Miles Devis invent the art form, over here on a rare Oritish tour which ends tonight in Apollo Theatre, Archeick Green, Manchester (061-236 9822), tonight,

WALTON 90TH ANNIVERSARY: 8ir William Walton would have been 30 this year. To celebrate the event Richard Hickox conducts the London Symphony Hickox conducts the London Symphony Orchestra in the music he wrote in 1943-4 for Othier's filts of Henry V (with actor Tom Conti reading secents from Shakespeare's text in the interval). Also Shekespeare's text in the interval). Also in the programme is Veughen Williams's Done noble pacern, the anti-war cantists of 1936, set to words by Whitmen and divers. With the LS Chemas, 31 Paul's Calmedad Choristers, soprano Tyonne Kerny and burtone Bryn Tertel.
Barbloan Centre, Sill: Street, London EC1 (071-838 8891), 3un, 7-30pm.

Carmel McSherry in Beable comedy about a doting mother's worries, notably her gay son. Wymdham's, Chering Cross Roed, WC2 (071-867 1116). Non-Sat, Spm, mats Wed, 3pm, Set, Spen. 130mins.

TALKING HEADS: Februa unconscious rumour and peun or desotate lives. Comedy, Panton Sireet, SW1 (071-867 1045), Mon-Set, 8pm, mate Wed, 3pm, Set, 4pm. 150mins. Final week.

I A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUKUS oldies. Good fun. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 8pm. 120mins.

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LONG RUNNEPS: 27 Aspects of Love Prince of Wates (071-839 S972). ... Blood Brothers: Phoenix (071-857 1044)... 27 Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-854 1317)... 27 Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-828 7816). 28 Care: Here Lemon (071-405 0072). 29 Don't Dress for Dinner: Apolio (071-484 5070)... 27 Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045). 28 Membra and the American Technicolor Dresmooth Pelicolum (071-494 5045). 27 Membra My Girt. Adelphi (071-836 7811)... 28 Les Mindrebles: Palace (071-434 0009)... 27 History to the Phantom of the Opera: Her Mejesty's (071-494 5400)... 27 History to the Prentition of the Opera: Her Mejesty's (071-494 5400)... 27 History to the Portitide Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5289)... 27 Startight Express: Apolio Victoria (071-828 8685)... 27 The Moote Generation: Ambassadors (071-436 6111)... 27 The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-939 2250)...

Fortune (071 939 2250). Ticket Information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

HEAR MY SONG (15): Promoter seeks reclusive irish tenor Josef Looke, wanted in Britain for the evention. Shaggy dog tale with modest pleasures. Starring Ned Bestly, Adrian Dunbar; director, Peter Chelaran. McM Furture Road (071-370 2033) MdM Haymerket (071-370 2033) MdM Haymerket (071-380 1627) Odeons: Kensington (0426 91468) Marbie Arch (0426 914501) Whiteleys (071-732 2003).

J' BAGRASSE PAS (18); Latier dey Candida becomma n Pana haatie. Accomplished, but unseiting. With Manuel Banc, Emmanuelle Béert, Philippe Noiret; director, André Tabalan.

MGM Piccadilly (071-497 9561) MGM Totturmum Coart Road (071-695 61-67 # JFK (15); Oliver Stone's contentious, electritying, drama about the Kenned cruseding D.A. Jim Gertleon, MGM Fulhern Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Mezzenine (0428 915883) Plaza (071-497 9999).

♦ LATE FOR DINNER (PG): Two ordinary looks as them a 22-deep freeze. Unastistying como whimsy from director W.D. Richter, W. Brian Wimmer, Peter Berg. MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031).

LIGHT SLES OR (15) Lightness elegy to the Eightles drug scene fron writer-director Paul Schmader, partly saved by Willem Daton as a loner stumbling towards rademption. With Extern Remarks.

Curzon West End (071-439 4805). THE PRINCE OF TIDES (15): New Vink prohibitish helps forther coach lace family secrets. Homantic drama with ideas above its station, grandly acted by Nick Nolte. Bestina Straisend directs and co-stars, but falls to sing. MGM Balter Street (971-935 9772). MGM Children (971-935 9376). MGM Children (971-935 9310). Oxford Street (971-936 9310). Oxford Street (971-936 9310). Odeons: Kensington (0426 914686) Mezzanine (0426 915683)

SHINING THROUGH (15): Opulant preposterous wartime charm, with Melanie Griffith appling for the U.S. Government in Brindth. Stars Methem Douglas, director, David Setzer. Barbican (071-838 8891) Odeons: Kenselngton (0426 914989) West End (8426 915674).

THEATRE

Period piece proves timeless

FIFTY-odd years after the first pro-duction of this play, it seems odd that it could have earned Rodney Ackland the sobriquet, "the English Chekhov". The characters may be a ruminative, retrospective lot, and may be stagnating in a vaguely Russian way in what the programme dolefully describes as "an old house on a backwater of the Thames". But Ackland tends to harnmer where the master would have hinted, and relies too much on coincidence and other unChekhovian chicanery. On the whole, The Dark River is to The Three Sisters what, well, the Grand Union Canal is to Old Father Thames in full flow.

Still, Ackland was not responsible for the more high-falutin claims made on his behalf. Nor are there so many plays of the Thirties clamouring for revival that we can blithely write off one that, despite its repetitions, remains as absorbing as this. Catherine Liste may spend a good 20 minutes too long dithering between the claims of the unfaithful husband who wants her to go on playing Wendy to his Peter Pan and the combative demands of the unsmiling architect with the flerce political conscience: but at least her choice matters, at least it means something

What it means, of course, is that the past is battling with the future for ssession of her heart and mind. Chris, the husband, rabbits on about the good times he had as a boy with his mother, and seems impervious to what is happening in the world outside. Alan, her architect lover, is monitoring the Spanish Civil War

OLIVER HINDLE, Birmingham Royal Ballet's latest choreographic hope, is by no means the first to turn to American Indians. Nor, probably. will he be the last, in view of the arts' current energetic espousal of their

For all its heart-felt motivation, Hindle's Dark Horizons, unwrapped at Sadler's Wells, runs the danger of looking like showbiz floss. There is the music (Shostakovich's String Quartet No 8 in the symphonic arrangement by Rudolf Barshai). There is the allmale cast of nine: bare flesh streaked with war paint, angular gestures sometimes dangerously close to the clichéd "How!" variety. Yet, else-where Hindle often miraculously

The Dark River Orange Tree, Richmond

with foreboding, and trying to interest democratic governments in the air-raid shelters he is convinced will be needed. Offstage guns, planes and even a riot reinforce his argument and Ackland's point. The world of 1937 is preparing for war. Only moral cowards and the frivolous are ignoring the warning signs.

This category does not only include John Hudson's affably ineffectual Chris. Liz Crowther plays Catherine's spoiled chum Gwen, cadging cigarettes and hankering for the gay days she can no longer afford: a nice study of a bright young thing tarnished by time and selfish living. There is also Stephanie Cole as Ella, Catherine's ex-schoolmistress: all tweed and positive thinking at first, and then, after grief for a dead son has converted her to spiritualism, the evening's saddest example of the perils of getting trapped in the past.
At the centre of Sam Walters's

production are Malcolm Sinclair, a more passionate, less priggish Alan than the script threatened, and Be-linda Lang as Catherine. I don't see why the latter adopts the sort of stac-cato whimper made familiar by Brief Encounter, but her sensitivity and, finally, her power are not in doubt. There are places where the play transcends its time. Even with that period voice, she is one of them.



BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE Wife and lover: Belinda Lang (Catherine) and Malcolm Sinclair (Alan)

DANCE

Brave exploration

Dark Horizons Sadler's Wells

blends ballet with primitive movement: classical jumps are juxtaposed with two-footed crouching bounds; a beautiful penche arabesque for Joseph Cipolla is given a fresh twist by a hand stretched outwards in supplication. By the end the vocabulary looks less a pastiche than a valid exploration into uncharted territory.

In fact, as his first piece last year suggested, Hindle is an intelligent young man to watch. He can form a clear structure, create powerful groupings, fluently communicate ideas through an abstract mode of presentation. Starting with proud strutting walks, his warriors perform dances in which the gradual disintegration of their civilisation is denicted.

Michael O'Hare has an anxious

stalking solo, Cipolla a slow sorrowing one; in an insistent literal image the dancers' fists become tied behind their backs. Beyond them are Peter Farley's flat Grand Canyon rocks and a sun that symbolically rises and sinks.

The cast gives plenty of commitment, although more vigour would be welcome, the excellent Cipolla excepted. The gentle aura of the opening Les Sylphides extended through the evening. In the closing Five Tangos, gentleness became gen-tility and van Manen's darkly glittering choreography was transmogrified

NADINE MEISNER

ROCK

Ups and downs

Roller Coaster Apollo, Manchester

THE old concept of the pop package-tour is being revived by the "alternative" sector. Last summer's Lollapalooza event, which travelled America with a cast of a dozen left-field names, was 1991's highest grossing concert tour (a feat none of the bands could have achieved individually). Inevita-bly, this has inspired a British version. Dubbed Roller Coaster, it will visit five UK cities in the next ten days.

Roller Coaster brings together the Jesus and Mary Chain, My Bloody Valentine, Blur and Dinosaur Jr. As alternative packages go, that makes this a star-studded one, although the groups are more distinguished by artistic than commercial success.

The musical link between the participants is their exploration of sonic textures. This entails the use of heavy distortion and feedback to construct amorphous layers of sound. Blur, the youngest group and first on the bill, faced the audience with

studied aloofness. Their songs were brat-like tirades more concerned with testing the limits of noise than with making a cohesive statement. Their spot ended with a video full of remarkably unshocking "controversial" imagery. Dinosaur Jr took up where Blur left

off. They were louder and faster, not to mention grimier, but identical in intent. There were, however, a few

tunes floundering about under the guitar assault.

On to My Bloody Valentine, credited with devising the free-floating, ambient sound that currently defines British art-pop. Diffused through amplifiers turned up to maximum volume, the blurred surfaces of the recent Loveless album became a sheet of white noise. The musicians played shrouded in darkness. Unremitting lasers and strobe lights encouraged a feeling of disorientation.

This was very impressive for the first couple of numbers (that should really be "number"; the set consisted of one meandering tune and pauses during which the band peeped de-murely from beneath their fringes). As things progressed, with no variations in volumes or tempo, the appeal diminished. The group did not at any point address the audience.

Nor, for that matter, did the Jesus and Mary Chain. At least their hubris was justifiable. Their mid-1980s feedback experiments inspired imitation that continues to this day. As befits pioneers, the Mary Chain have themselves moved on. Their sense of timing has matured. There was still abundant fuzztone guitar, but it was deployed judiciously, leaving space for melodic invention.

Cunning lighting obscured the group while bathing the crowd in nightmarish pinks and blues. A film loop flickered footage of moon launches and the like. As an apocalyptic climax the band exited, leaving their instruments emitting feedback. Roller Coaster had its moments, but after four hours it was a relief when it stopped.

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

THEATRE

Words to watch Eleemosynary

Greenwich Studio

ELEEMOSYNARY. Don't see the word around much these days. Hard to fit it gracefully into a sentence, rather as the young man in Iris Murdoch's The Bell, who had just discovered "rebarbative", couldn't think what to do with it. Perhaps it belongs on another page of this newspaper: ELEEMOSYNARY — a. Scottish frugality. b. a monophysite ossuary, c. a nightmare to spell.

Lee Blessing (author of A Walk in the Woods) plumps for c., though the bright granddaughter in his new play spells it confidently and so becomes Spelling Champion of the United States. She also spells "logodaedaly", meaning crafty with words, which well describes Blessing's own achievement in this neatly constructed, 90minute portrait of three generations of clever but troubled women.

Moving easily back and forth over 40 years, the play begins with Doro-thea, a grandmother, silenced at last by a stroke and being tended by the granddaughter to whom she has always been a surrogate mother. Her daughter Artie, for Artemis, fled from her eccentric domination, first to have a baby and then, leaving the child behind, to pursue a scientific career in Europe. Even when back in America. and living a mere 50 miles away, she converses with her mother and daughter only by telephone, encour-

aging the child she never sees to enter spelling competitions, ringing up to test her in the only parental guidance she can bring herself to offer.

"What's wrong with me? Why do you keep leaving me?" she is asked when the two meet at the old lady's bedside and a chance to live together seems threatened by Artie's fears. The dialogue can be funny, and witty too. which is rarer, but Blessing identifies the pain and bewilderment in her character's compulsion to succeed. There is also resentment at the

obligations of family life. Dorothea's conventional father tricked her into marriage three weeks after she graduated, denving her an academic future. so that she chose eccentricity as a way to stay sane. Many American playwrights would be content with making her a wacky old dear, and we do see a short film in which she straps the adolescent Artie into pterodactyl wings and urges her up and down a hillside in a dotry attempt to fly. But the character is subtler than this, and one of the ways in which Maggi Law's direction, for Theatre Impact. visibly expresses the intricate relationships is through the movement of the characters between the three areas of the stage - chair, bed and chair and in her tender use of overhead lighting and slow fade.

Exceptionally true playing from Barbara Kirby's pawky Dorothea. Sally Geiger as the fragile Artie and Ciara McKeown as the smiling/ frowning grandchild, significantly named Echo, make this production a rewarding event. The theatre is behind the Prince of Orange pub. in the forecourt of Greenwich Station.

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probe, x-ray and analyse in their tireless attempts to arrive at the "real" Rembrandt, the artist himself evades neat classification. His National Gallery retrospective opens at a time when the exposing of false attributions has become even more controversial. This spare selection of just 51 genuine paintings reflects the new image of the artist, purged of all fatty deposits. But anyone imagining that the lean Rembrandt will be any less com-

plex is in for a surprise.

if anything, the paintings assembled on the warm brown walls of the Sainsbury Wing seem even more mysterious and awesome than they did on their previous stage of the tour in Amsterdam. Did any other artist encompass a greater range, or develop so far from ostentatious youth to profound old age? Surely not, and the gulf in handling between his earliest and final paintings could hardly be more immense. For the youthful Rembrandt worked on a surpri-singly small scale, and lavished on every millimetre a miniaturist infatuation with detail. This is utterly removed from the summarising rough-

ness of his last years. Already, however, certain lifelong preoccupations give these little Leiden pictures their latent power. In a dramatically candlelit painting of a Rich Man, Rembrandt heaps the outer areas with an extravagant abundance of ledgers and tally-sheets. At the his wife Saskia into a standage of 21, Rembrandt allows esque and gorgeously bedinis innate flamboyance to give this proliferating still life a lin a wide screen, alarming. manic exuberance.

On the next wall, by con-trast, an equally strong need to explore contemplative stillness becomes apparent. Seated at a writing desk, the white-bearded St Paul pauses from his labours and stares downwards. And one of Rembrandt's finest early achievements, Jeremiah lamenting the Destruction of Jerusalem. minimises the speciacle of the burning city in favour of an ageing patriarch slumped in thought.

Not that Rembrandt could suppress his theatricality for long. One of the first canvases he painted after his move to Amsterdam was a towering image of a man in oriental dress. This exotic potentate seems overblown compared with Jeremiah or St Paul. He is a fancy-dress concoction. issuing from the side of Rembrandt's imagination which also led him to paint a self-pomrait dressed in a soldier's gleaming gorget. This is a man arrayed for combat, determined to conquer Dutch art as swiftly as possible.

He succeeded, and during the 1630s his art flowered with astonishing versatility. He was capable of the jostling turbulence of Ecce Homo, a small monochrome oil on paper where the handling varies from encrusted elaboration to a sketch-like fluidity worthy of Daumier. But he was just as ready to transform

in a wide-screen, alarming-ly tilted tableau of Belshazzar's Feast, the turbaned oriental reappears in an even more melessly over-ripe costume. This time, though, he gazes wild-eyed at the fateful words written on the wall, and : aises his arm to fend off the threat. Goblets spill wine and fullbreasted women reel.

A year after that sumptuous show-stopper, Rembrandt brandished his seif-satisfaction in an ebullient half-length called The Standard-Bearer. Sporting a fanciful outfit, with slashed beret beplumed, the swaggering artist thrusts his leg-of-mutton sleeve out at us in a gesture of bravado.

the same, Rembrandt's blatant emphasis on roleplaying is tantamount to an admission that The Standard-Bearer is only a pose. In another mood, he was able to invest a portrait of an 83-year-old woman with an entraordinary amount of in-sight. Unflattering enough to define the sitter's bulbous nose, as well as every sag and wrinkle in her brittle skin, this mesmeric head is also invested with immense compassion.

But nothing can prepare us for the startling intimacy of A Young Woman in Bed. The 39-year-old Rembrandt was prepared to cast decorum aside and close on a seminaked figure rising from plumped-up pillows. In her



Startling intimacy: A Young Woman in Bed, circa 1645, by Rembrandt, from the National Gallery of Scotland

eagerness to greet an unseen husband or lover, she sweeps back the curtain with an

impulsive gesture.

The greatest of his female nudes, however, comes almost a decade later in the Louvre's Bathsheba with King David's letter. All the gaudiness and gesticulation have dropped away. Here is a woman caught between obeying her king and remaining faithful to her husband. David's seductive message hangs from her fingers, and she gazes down even more pensively than St Paul a quarter of a century before. The introspection is countered by Rembrandt's robust handling of her body. Bathsheba is perhaps the most complex and convincing depiction of a naked woman in European

here is the group portrait of "Staalmeesters", of the Amamongst men." The same words could be applied to the sterdam Drapers' Guild. No elderly Rembrandt himself, theatricality disturbs the sober row of black-suited figures, but whose own understanding illuminates even the most shad-Rembrandt charges them with a sense of hushed expectancy. owy and unknowable regions of mortal existence. Installed in the panelling on the right is an image of

 Rembrandt paintings and etchings at the National Gallery (07 1-389 1740) until May 24: Rembrandt drawings are also at the British Museum (07)-636 1555) until August 4. 17th-century motto declaring: "Let thy light shine forth

GALLERIES: CRITIC'S CHOICE

JOCK McFADYEN: Mc Fadyen's latest show contains a number of designs for Kenneth MacMillan's new ballet. The Judas Tree. at Covent Garden. Most of the other paintings feature the themes of casual, urban sex and violence, with a few of his terrible killer dogs thrown in. But they are painted with the utmost finesse; and, charmingly, there is something oddly innocent about the most

directly sexual. William Jackson Gallery, 28 Cork Street, W1 (071-287 2121). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm Sat 10am-1pm. until April 11. There is also a show of paintings, works on paper and prilits from 1980-86 at Blond Fune Art. Unit 10 Canalside Studius, 2-4 Orsman Road, NI (071-739 4383) Wed-Sun I lam-opm, until April 12.

· LIKE NOTHING ELSE IN TENNESSEE: Many sculptors and painters incorporate or refer to architecture in their work. The use of architectural motifs or the making of architecture in mininture gives rise to lively as well us deadly art. This show leaves out now established figures such as the Poiriers, Charles Simmonds and Ben Johnson. and instead introduces some younger artists virtually unknown in Britain, alongside our own Julian Opie and Dan

Graham. Serpentine Gallery, Kensingion Gardens, London W2 (071-402 6075). Daily. 10am-6pm, Until April 26.

• DANCE OF DEATH: The first world war led many artists to return to and develop the traditional iconography of the Dance of Death. This selection from the Imperial War Museum's collections includes the Italian symbolist Alberto Martini, German fantasist Thomas Theodor Heine and Dutch cartoonist Louis Raemaekers, and is part of the South Bank's "Towards the Millennium" festival. Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 3002). Daily,

Hoam-Hopm, until April 12. JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Encore for a genial revolutionary

ike a restful ring-master at a circus, Akwander Calder could not resist making his sculpture perform nimble and crowd-delighting feats. The mobiles he devised for the purpose have since become so familiar that his. audacity is often taken for granted. But during the interwar years Calder was a genial revolutionary, and the Royal Academy's succinct survey provides an ideal introduction to

his achievement Up in the airy, light-filled Sackler Galleries, a row of academic statues line the fover. They neatly summarise the tradition against which Calder rebelled. Solid, sombre and earthbound, they stand on their plinths without a hint of humour. But Calder, whose ancestors had been successful academic sculptors in Pennsyl-

vania, was a subversive young

mechanical engineer, he looked at tradition with an outsider's impatience.

The conventional solidity of sculpture is questioned even in his earliest carvings, where two cats lying back-to-back are robbed of their bulk. From there, Calder's progress from wood to wire, and from plinth to wall or ceiling, seems logical

Sculptural substance vanishes, and in its place a weightless intoxication with line is allowed to flourish. The body of a horse is reduced to pure contours leaping through space, while the tensile form of an upside-down acrobat runs down into words wittily pro-claiming that she is a "wire sculpture by Calder".

By this time, the paradoxically bulky American had captivated the Parisian avantgarde. They loved his impro-vised performances of an entire circus troupe, while he learned from their work as well. Miró proved a major influence, and some of Calder's mobiles look like airborne versions of the Spaniard's surrealist paint-ings. But he learned just as

man. Trained initially as a much from Mondrian, as tounding the austere Dutchman with the sacrilegious suggestion that his paintings would work better if they were

> The results of Calder's own love affair with movement enliven the white, elegant chambers of the Sackler Galleries. Whether sprouting like brilliantly coloured fruit from from the ceiling in poised clusters that respond to the stightest air, these exhilarating works convey the joie de vivre which is Calder's liberating legacy to modern sculpture.

Richard Cork Alexander Calder continues at the Royal Academy of Arts, Picca-dilly, London W1 (071-439 7438).

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The Horse, a 1976 lithograph by Alexander Calder

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but supportive of the war.

ew episodes in British history have entered the national consciousness as swiftly or as decisively as the Falklands War. The total defeat of the Argentine invasion of 1982 helped define the political culture of the years which followed and was argu-ably the wave upon which Thatcherism rode until its fall on the eve of the Gulf conflict.

burning beacons, and one

historian has related it to a

There was little room in the nidst of all the passion and the flag waving for the nuance of personal reflection, let alone the contagion of outright dissent. Ten years on, BBC 2 has tried to plug the gap with War Stories, a series of personal through the eyes of five very different individuals.

Last night's third instalment, directed by Peter Bate, told the tale of Virginia Gamba-Stonehouse, an Argentine military strategist, who re-turned to her homeland in 1982 after many years abroad. to find herself embroiled in the

conflict with Britain. War, which had previously been her profession, suddenly became a crucible of self-discovery. "My country had glimpsed a reflection of its true identity, and so had i," she

paul's remark that Argentina Unity offered its settlers the promise of ease but few ideals. Nationat high alism was clearly the lowest common denominator.

The Argentine military leadership was rather let off the hook amidst all the talk of cultural necessity and national yearning. It is true that war recalled, taking the viewer on a tour of Argentine nationalhelps shape nationhood; but it ism, though never truly disis also true that war lords use closing the emotions which the conquest to divert attention The battle for the islands, The Falklands invasion was, she said, forged "a fragile but after all, the reckless and desperate act of a regime which had already violated discernible unity" amongst Argentinians hungry for the kind of coarse glory which only

every human right at home. Still, the sympathetic pres ence of Gamba-Stonehouse part scholar, part prodigal daughter - lent a strange poignancy to scenes shot in the Buenos Aires war school, where she taught during the conflict, and to her interviews with Galtieri's former henchmen. However partial the views expressed in the film. one could not question their authenticity. These were subtle emotional insights into the complex response of an individual to overwhelming

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RECORDS: JAZZ

Mature and mellow

DIZZY GILLESPIE should have been appearing at the Festival Hall earlier this month, celebrating his 75th birthday with his globe-trotting big band. Another bout of illness has put paid to those plans. Some consolation is to be found in the selection of tunes re-cast by Behop &

Beyond, a sleek American group led by the reeds player Mel Martin. Despite the band's name.

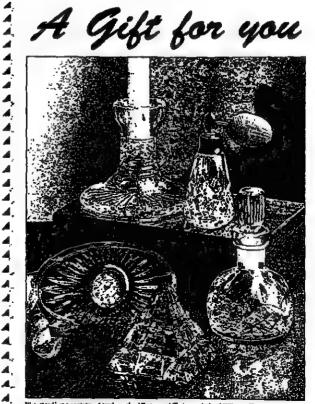
the arrangements on Bebop & Beyond Plays Dizzy Gillespie (Enja Bluemoon R2-79170) are closer in spirit to Gillesple's more spacious mid-per-iod work than the rough and tumble of the early behop recordings. Aware that the world is not crying out for yet another blast of "Night In Tunisia". Martin has picked out several lesser-known compositions alongside the sur-ring Afro-Cuban fanlare, "Manteca".

Gillespie makes a guest appearance on six of the eight tracks. No longer able to hurtle into the stratosphere at will, he allows fellow-trumpeter Warren Gale to take most of the honours. It has to be said that Gillespie lags a long way behind on occasion - only to be expected from a man his age. There is a mechanical air to some of his soloing, and his tone is often tentative. Still, his native cunning and sense of timing carries him through, and if the signature is blurred and shaky at times, it is still immediately recognisable. He certainly makes amends at a slower tempo with "I Waited For You", a genuinely affect-ing ballad which also features his gravelly voice.

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victory"; not so, it would seem. I was reminded of V.S. Nai-

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Canvassing London's tent dwellers

How do the homeless view an election in which they seem to have been ignored? Alice Thomson found out

reville had just set-tled himself down for the night on three binliners, a fake fur coat and a piece of tarpaulin. The theatre-goers, diners and office workers who were hurrying across Lincoln's Inn Fields, near the Strand in central London, were careful not to tread on him. But Greville was not asking them for anything, he was discuss-

it's my own fault. I came from Leeds without enough money and I just couldn't get a job before it ran out," the 18year-old says. "But none of the politicians are doing enough for our generation. My triends left school at 15 and half of us couldn't even read properly. There are no jobs for us and no accommodation. We're stuck. I might have voted Labour because they are more likely to put the dole up. But I couldn't vote for Kinnock, he changes his policies even more often than the others."

Greville doesn't really care about the dilemma because he can't vote anyway, neither can any of his neighbours. The 150 men and women who bed down each night in Lincoln's Inn Fields have lost the right to vote. They form part of the estimated 2,500 people estimated by charities to live on the streets of London.

Once the Fields was an attractive oasis in the heart of legal London, with regimental bands in the summer and an open-air café. Now the gardens are largely untended and occupied by about 40 tents and rough shelters which form a shanty town for the homeless. There are no lavatories and there is no running water.

They come to the Fields because it is less vulnerable to casual violence, being tucked behind the inns of court, it has well-developed system of food handouts and it is within easy access of shopping streets and a constant stream of pedestrians with the potential for begging.

The word "homeless" can conjure up images of an unshaven mass: drunk, sometimes mad and often begging. But a walk round the Fields produced little evidence to ustify this notion. Most of the people there are very ordinary individuals who once had jobs. families and hopes. There are are all types of people - unemployed young, old naval veter-ans. A few have psychiatric problems and some are alcoholics but most become trapped in the Fields because of redundancy, unemploy-ment and housing costs. They are well aware that there is a general election in a fortnight and they have their personal grievances they want to air. yet their voice is drowned by promises to those who can vote on April 9.

By 6pm on Tuesday night the cold was already numbing and it was painful to stand still. I walked around the fields with Kate Head from Tharnes Reach, a housing association which offers help to homeless

'I may be on the street but I haven't lost my mind. I am outside the figures'

people in central London with finding accommodation, benefit claims and support.

Kate offers George, who is hanging around the gate, a cigarette. George is Scottish and came to London six months ago. "The police wouldn't leave me alone because I have a criminal record for manslaughter so ! had to some down here, but I love Scotland. I'd like to be able to vote for their independence," he says. At 27, he has already spent eight years in prison. "I want the new gov-ernment to put the prison system at the top of all their agendas. Prisons do little to help you to get back into the

Thames Reach has found George a flat to move into but he is still pessimistic about finding a job. "Everyone is scrounging for jobs at the moment. I haven't got a skill so I am bottom of the heap. All that time in prison and they taught me to do nothing what a waste.

Next to the Squarehouse, a wooden shed. Andy has found a tent to share and is having a last walk around the park before bed. Andy finds it

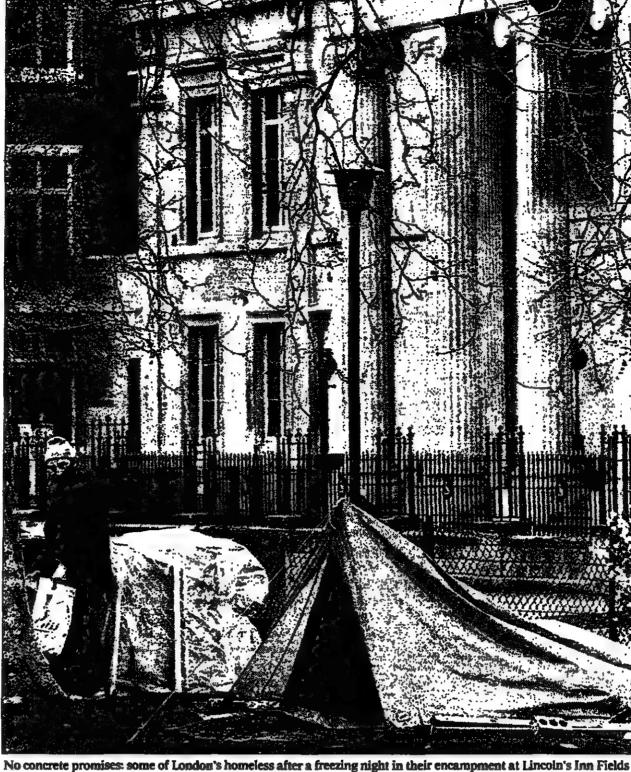
humiliating not to have the vote. "I voted in every other election. I voted Conservative last time but that was when I had a job and a home. Everyone should have the right to vote. I may be on the street but I haven't lost my mind. I am outside government figures, I am a nobody,"

Andy, aged 33, used to be a bank clerk but lost his wife and his job because of his alcoholism. He found work as a cleaner, but couldn't hold down the job and moved into the park a couple of weeks ago when he could no longer afford the bed and breakfast. "I think this park should be a place for children to play not for the likes of us. It's terrible seeing a beautiful place like this being soiled but we have nowhere to go. I would vote for any government that could get me out of here and sort out my problem but none of them offer us anything concrete," he

ays. Inside the Roundhouse, a summerhouse in the centre of the Fields, Graham, who is wearing a gold crown from McDonald's and chutching a can of beer, is arguing with his friends about the monarchy. The monarchy is going down the drain, Fergie's finally sunk them." he says. "Maybe I ought to apply for the job of king?" Kate asks him whether he wants to find somewhere to live."Of course, but I'm not going into one of those hostels. They are full of junkies and old blokes spitting. I need my space. I want my own room I can decorate myself," he says.
What would Graham really

like? "I would like to be watching the cricket in Australia rather than listening to it on a crummy radio in a freezing bandstand," he says. But at least it means the politicians will stop gassing. This election has been really uninspired." Graham has heard Ken Livingstone talking about the sale of the County Hall. "Why are they giving the building to the Japanese? They should make it into a proper hostel for us. Then they wouldn't have to be embarrassed about tourists tripping up on us in the streets. It would be a real vote winner and they could prove they care."

Dorothy is encooned in blankets and a woolly hat. "We should force all the minis-



ters to stay in power. That way they would be more responsible and they would be taken more seriously," she says. The Hare Krishna have arrived for the first soup run of the night and men and women start appearing from the bushes. "If could vote on behalf of everyone lying in doorways I would give my vote to the people who come here every night and actually help us." says Nick, who looks like an elderly rock star, in tight trousers and platform heels. He gives Kate a squeeze.

"I have this fantasy where the prime minister asks me what I would do for the homeless," Nick continues. "I

show him how well [behaved. Then I would very politely ask what he is going to do for the he can't reply I will ask him what he is doing for the British Gas men who seem to be earning millions every year? He is offering them free education, free health care and help with their mortgages.

Then I would ask: Who needs more help, the homeless or people who already have a job? I saw a 15-year-old girl begging on the Strand last week. I took her to a hostel and gave her some change. We all help each other here in the Fields. That is basic human

The songs drip with tradi-

tional C&W romantic imagery

of front porches and cowboys

and pick-up trucks and sor-

rowful cups of coffee, but he

was never a straight country

throwback merchant. His nostalgia is absolutely genuine (he lives in the house his grandfa-

ther built in the small Texas

town founded by his mother's

great-great-grandfather, and

he dreams of desert highways) and it is informed by intelli-

of fans who would nev-

er have dreamt of liking

country music.
Ironically, this is hap-pening just as Lovett's

record company has de-

cided not to call him

country any more, and

his new album. Joshua

Judges Ruth (released

by MCA on March 31),

was recorded in Los

Graces and favours

... or what the butler said

take

own the road at the primary school, they fold their hands before dinner and intone "Lord bless the food we eat and help us to enjoy it with good manners". They have said this throughout living memory, and although its banality and bathos are clear to all they somehow can't change it. In countiess other schools the awkward inversion beginning "For what we are about to receive..." prefaces a general scraping of chairs, and in public schools the head boy's ob is to snarl charmlessly Benedictus benedicat Which translates as "Let the blessed one bless" or, more loosely, "Do your job, God". Seeing Mr Hudson the

butler again on the Channel 4 repeat of Upstairs Downstairs reminded me of the singularly chilling nature of some graces before meals. Over the congealing mutton he requested God to "Grant us conciliation to that rank in which in His infinite mercy He has seen fit to place us": every word a brick in the wall. This particular blessing — like the good manners one — didn't quite make it into Carolyn Martin's second Book of Graces, but other prime examples do.

The occupational graces favoured by servicemen and livery companies have a certain panache: nice that the Waxchandlers Company mention "The Wax and the Hon-ey", and the Woolmen regard themselves as "grazing". One can see oneself dining comfortably with the Parachute Regiment, who say "Good food. Good friends. Safe Landings, Thank God" (the Navy just tend to bark "Thank God!" and sit down hards

Most graces seem to bring out the very worst in their authors

And it is only proper pride which makes the Catering Corps point out in their thanksgiving "The skill of those who prepare and serve": and predictable self-congratulation which makes The Vegemention their own "kindness and mercy towards Thy creatures". And there is a reai **isson in the Millers' Grace:** Back of the bread is the flour. Back of the flour is the mill: And back of the mill is the wind and the rain. And the Father's will."

But it must be sadly said that most graces seem to bring out the very worst in their authors. Terrible clergymantike archaisms and jargon about "sufficiency" and "bounties" deface even modern graces, with honourable exceptions like the Right Rev Hugh Montefiore's Thank you God for our lovely food". But even that inclines towards the opposite weak-ness, that of folksiness. I will not trouble you with the W.I. Christmas Grace (cheerful crimson berry ... children's faces shining merry . . you get the picture) but must point the finger at the Very Rev Lancelot Fleming, former Dean of Windsor, with "O Lord, grant that we may not be like porridge, stiff, stodgy and hard to stir; but like cornflakes: crisp, fresh and ready to serve". Just a black coffee for

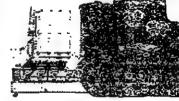
And yet which family does not sometimes wish it had the grace habit? It gives dignity to a meal, a moment of discipline and silence amid the mindlessly snacking self-indulgence of our times. Victoria Gillick, Catholic mother of ten children, never neglects grace. "Even when Gordon and i just sit down to a sandwich. It lifts food one plane higher. and gives it a moral dimension." At family gatherings they generally say the stan-dard Catholic grace, beginning "Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts moderating it for visiting atheist children with "Rub a dub dub, thanks for the grub", a Scottish version imported by Gordon Gillick. Perhaps they should try another Scottish one: "Doon head, up paws.

thank God we've jaws. By the way, it turns out to be a foul canard that some City banquets begin with the magnificently insensitive words "Lord bless us who feast whilst others starve". It must be a mishearing of the Edwardian Bishop Gore: "Lord, forgive us that we feast while others starve". Much better.

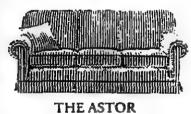
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Don't you Lovett and western music and A country boy woman you could ever be and furthermore she loves him.

intelligence are not often linked in word association tests. The country singer is still deemed a hick, a comball, a farmboy. The female is all heart and hairdo, no brain. They are both of them weeping into their beer, and likely to divorce each other and crash a pick-up truck before the evening is out.

It's never been quite fair Name one pop singer who was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford. Exactly. Kris Kristofferson was, though, and he's as country as they come. In the new generation, there's only one contender for the littlecontested title of Most Intelligent Man in Country Music, and

that's Lyle Lovett. To start with, he's a graduate. He studied German and journalism. This is not the correct CV for his profession. He should be a former truck-driver, an ex-con made good, or a baby good ol' boy who washed dishes in every bar in Nashville before

being given his chance. Waylon Jennings has a song about how "poor-boy ways and hard-time days are just six strings away" — this is not true of Lovett. Should he put down his guitar he could hold good as a businessman, a PR man, a writer, or a particularly bright fashion stylist. He does all these things anyway, as part of being a very successful young coun-

The combination of country and clever is quite something. Traditionally country is music to a formula, music where you can hear the words, and music from the heart. Lovett scores the hat-trick. Within the discipline of the formula he produces poetic. bitchy, canny. heartfelt songs. It's best defined by example: "The preacher asked me, I said 'yes, l do'. The preacher asked her, she said 'yes he does too'. The man pronounced us ninetynine to life, man she's no lady. she's my wife." Or "redneckness has got to be a disease, you eatch it on your fingers, it just crawls right up

who outsmarted Nashville

He's 34 and Texan, and he first came to British notice in 1988, as part of the so-called New Country movement, which tried with some success to release talented and individual country singers such as Lovett, Nanci Griffith, kd lang and Dwight Yoakum from the spandex and lame bonds which the unimaginative Nashville music business had wrapped around the whole notion of country music.

gence and education.
You don't hear Lyle Lovett played as Muzak in American shopping malls, crooning tru-isms for rednecks in lesiure suits. Nashville never quite accepted him as their own, and indeed they shouldn't, because he never was. Now this is paying off. This summer Lyle Lovett is to support Dire Straits on their upcoming British tour open-air stadium dates. They get the cred (Lovett crawls with cred) and he gets the exposure to thousands



Country but clever: singer Lyle Lovett

Dwight Yoakum, for example, was not welcomed because he was "too country". Lovett was told his music had "too many words", kd lang is notoriously androgenous.

Lovett is long, thin, ironic and charming, with Southernboy manners, hair like a monochrome cockatoo, and a face like a parsnip. His songs are called things like "I Married Her Just Because She Looks Like You", which sound like it could be a straightforward tear-in-your-beer ballad. but by the end of the song it turns out that though that's why he married her in the first place, he has since come to appreciate that she is twice the

Angeles.

Joshua Judges Ruth
(named after the three consecutive books in the Old Testament) has only one truly country track. "It's a self-depreciating neurotic Jewish comic's country song," Lovett says, "and it's called 'She's Leaving Me Because She Really Wants

To'." Much of the rest could be classed as gospel swing, if a label has to be found. Lovett won a Grammy for his third album, Lyle Lovett and his Large Band; his songs have been used in a film soundtrack (Switch, with Ellen Barkin), and he has a part in Robert Altman's new film The Player. Though Lovett is "not in it enough to screw it up", his

Louisa Young

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Exercise: take as directed

Ann Kent reports on patients' response to a surgery where doctors prescribe a walk across the road, to the leisure centre

with a

oday, and every other day, thousands of people will make their GPs' hearts sink. The doctor's dismay may be triggered during the morning or afternoon surgery, when a certain name appears on the list of patients. Or it may be in the middle of the night, when the phone rings, and an all too familiar voice utters an all too familiar complaint.

"Heart-sink" patients are those

individuals whose problems are genuine, but for whom no effective treatment can be found. Now a group of family doctors in the Sussex town of Hailsham has discovered a simple and effective

way of helping them. Anne Wheeler, a 54-year-old grand-mother, is a fairly typical heart-sink. 'Compared The drugs she took thritis in her hands prescription, were not working, the medication she workouts needed to control her thyroid condiare cheap' tion made her depressed, and the anti-depressants

she was taking made her cry. When she visited Dr David Hanraty last January, the GP listened, sympathised and then handed Mrs Wheeler a slip of paper. It was a prescription for ten hour-long sessions at her local

leisure centre, The Lagoon,
Although it was opposite the
GP's surgery, Mrs Wheeler had never ventured into The Lagoon. Like most of Dr Hanraty's patients she regarded it as a special place for the young, the healthy and the fit.

Her first visit to The Lagoon consisted of an interview, and her second comprised a fitness test. after which a programme was devised for her. Two months later, she talks proudly of the day she did 2,309 metres on the rowing machine in ten minutes, giving her fit, 30-year-old son, who tried the same thing, a run for his money.

And she no longer needs to take anti-depressants.

Joe Hayward, a 46-year-old carpet retailer, was a caricature of a man at high risk of heart disease. He smoked 50 cigarettes a day, drank heavily, worried about his business, did not exercise, fell asleep in his armchair after work, and are all the wrone things. But and ate all the wrong things. But there was nothing comical about his chest pains, or the x-rays which showed the major arteries serving his heart were becoming clogged with fatty deposits, or in the surgeon's suggestion that he might need a heart transplant. After Mr Hayward was dis-charged from hospital last sum-

mer, Dr Hanraty visited him at

home and wrote a prescription for The Lagoon. Since he started the programme, Mr Hayward has given up smoking, learnt to swim, changed his diet and lost a stone. He has also stopped taking drugs to lower his blood pressure because slowed him down.

In theory, these prescriptions should have been totally ineffectual. Family doctors regularly sigh over their patients' attitudes to their own health. In the same way as they would take their brokendown car to a garage, they take their ailing bodies to a doctor, and expect him to provide a cure. "Patients do not expect to be told to pick up their beds and walk,"

Dr. Hannette care "met I have been Dr Hanraty says, "yet I have been telling them they must do some-thing to help themselves — and, to my surprise, they have been."

Dr Hanraty and some of his colleagues have been referring to the leisure centre patients with cancer, asthma, obesity, arthritis, diseased lungs, hyptertension, partial paralysis and depression.

Trying to help overweight fe-male patients is one of the most frustrating tasks for a GP, because



results are so hard to achieve. Anne Barnes, who was four stone overweight, said she was "fed up with absolutely everything" when she went to see Dr Hanraty.

"The food I needed to help control my diabetes seemed to make me put on weight rather than lose it, and I was very depressed about the way I was looking. I had no energy, either.
"Dr Hanraty suggested I did some exercise to speed up my metabolism. But when the physio at The I aroon over me my fitness."

at The Lagoon gave me my fitness programme, last January, I thought, This will kill me." In fact, Mrs Barnes, aged 45, found she was able to build up her found sne was ante to build up her fitness and lose a stone of weight simply through exercising. "Although I've still got a long way to go with my weight, my blood sugar levels have dropped so it is easier to control my diabetes."

Dr Hanraty admits he was initially pessimistic about the outcome when the Oasis project.

come when the Oasis project (named after the Lagoon's Oasis

gym where most of the workouts take place) gradually took off last summer. He was not too worried about the fact that the NHS was not subsidising the scheme, which meant that patients would have to pay for their fitness sessions. The Lagoon, run by the local authority, was offering its facilities at a special low rate of £1 for a session in the cardiovascular gym and 50p for a swim.

Many of my patients spend £20 so £30 a week on cigarettes, and compared with the price of a prescription — £3.40 [this will rise to £3.75 on April 1] — the workouts are cheap," Dr Hanraty says. But he thought that the patients in greatest need - those who exercised the least — would be unlikely to turn up. "Patients listen to the doctor, and then do what they want to do."

He quotes research showing

that for every ten patients given a prescribed medicine, only four take it according to the instruc-tions. Other studies have revealed

begin a fitness programme are still could not peel potatoes or knit, exercising six months later. "But I told myself I would just

visit leisure centres. Mr Osbourne also sees the venture as a marketing exercise, a way of getting feet on treadmills during the day, when the facilities are under-used.

people on the Oasis programme have shown that Mr Osbourne's confidence was justified, by not only signing on as

members of the leisure centre, but bringing their families with them. Undertaking an organised fit-ness programme while coping with a major health problem is a daunting prospect for many people. Mrs Wheeler needed to grip the handles of the exercise bike and the rowing machine at a

that only 50 per cent of people who time when her arthritis meant she

exercising six months later.

"But I told myself I would just Mike Osbourne, the manager of do one minute, and then another The Lagoon, said it had long minute - and then you realise you worried him that the people in the greatest need of building up their fitness were the ones least likely to so much now and 1 have cut down on my arthritis drugs."

Mr Hayward admits he was

afraid when first confronted with the equipment so soon after discovering the bad news about his clogged arteries: "I thought that if you had heart disease you had to wrap yourself in cotton wool.".

In fact, according to Dr.

Hanraty the risks of a carefully supervised exercise programme are much lower than the risks run

by professional athletes who push their bodies beyond their limit. Jim McLaughlan, the exercise physiologist at the Lagoon who designs the fitness programmes for the Oasis patients, is investigating why the scheme seems to be working so well. So far, his research shows that clients who

are referred by their GPs are more likely to stick to a programme than people who refer themselves. Many of them can be converted into what he calls habitual exercisers, provided they are given a sympathetic introduction and elf-

ective monitoring.
Although the advantages of exercise in the avoidance of hypertension, heart disease and stroke are well-established, the medical profession has generally assumed that only the most highly motivat-ed of individuals will undertake fitness training.

Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Barnes and

Mr Hayward are typical of the patients on the Oasis scheme. This week others, some of them considerably older, spoke with almost evangelical enthusiasm about the effects of their fitness training. Until recently, though, most of them had never considered exercise as a way of helping their condition, or fitness centures as a

place where they might fit in.

Striking a vocal cord

A GENERAL Election campaign is to a politician's vocal cords what a marathon is to a runner's legs: the ultimate test of raining and fitness. This year the main contestants are doing well, despite the tensions engendered by the close contest. These might have been expected to cause an abnormal tightening of the vocal cords and alter the breathing by creating an unnatural tension in the neck, chest

According to Mr Malcolm Keen, ear, nose and throat surgeon at the Harley Street Voice Clinic, John Major has a naturally good quality voice. Although the tone may, to some ears, lack a musical quality, and others might wish for more variation in pitch and intensity. his speech is well controlled and his vocal cords not over-strained. With training the prime minister's voice could become more melodious, says Mr Keen, but as a voice specialist his immediate concern would not be about the prime ministerial timbre but its staying power. In any case, as it is, says Mr Keen, "the prime minister's voice reflects his classlessness".

He is impressed by the improvement in Neil Kinnock's voice since the last



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election. It appears that with greater experience, and possibly training, Mr Kinnock has learnt to control his delivery: he is less liable to rant, which is when his voice "cracks around the edges", showing there is a limit to the amount of punishment his vocal cords can take. Experts admire the way in which Mr Kinnock's voice has subtly altered over the years, so that there is still enough Welshness in it to inspire a chapel congregation or political rally, but it is not so local as to irritate those from other parts of the country. Paddy Ashdown's voice is perceived as stronger than the other two, perhaps because it has been trained on the parade ground. The modern voice clinic has sophisti-

cated teaching aids. Opera and pop singers, actors, captains of industry and television personalities all use the biofeedback provided by video-stroboscopy. heedback provided by video-stroboscopy, whereby a camera visualising the patient's throat projects an image of the larynx on to a television screen, enabling them to view the behaviour of their laryngal cords as they talk. Another system is the laryngography, in which two pads are applied to the outside of the patient's larynx; this transmits a record of the sound waves produced by their voice so that the patient and speech therapist can analyse the speech.

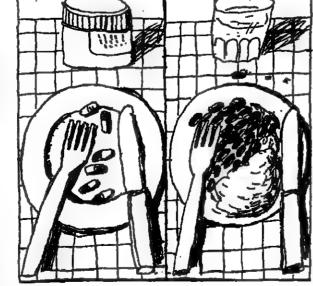
However, in the clinic's experience, politicians don't like to admit that they may need help, for fear of weakening their position both with colleagues or the electorate. The clinic's immediate advice to politicians to help them through the election is to avoid alcohol, to take plenty of fluids, particularly when travelling in air-conditioned planes or buses, to avoid smoke-filled rooms and, if at all possible, constant talking. Their long-term advice is that, like other people who have to speak to earn their living, politicians should have voice production lessons.

Self-cure cancer

TWO years ago, neither the New York publisher Patrick McLoughlin nor his doctors, would have believed that this week he would be anending London's book fair and The Sunday Times awards dinner.

Mr McLoughlin had battled in vain against his cancer, a poorly differentiated lymphocytic non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. From the moment the diagnosis was made, he had been warned that the cancer, which was already advanced, had an unfavourable outlook. After many months of intensive chemotherapy and radiother-apy, which had initially checked the disease but eventually failed to control it, it was decided to abandon all treatment for a time, preparatory to the use of monoclonal antibodies, the "magic bullets" that can deliver a dose very precisely to a tumour.

Initially, as was expected, when the treatment was stopped the disease ran rampant. The glands in his neck swelled until he was bullnecked, and he could not breathe because of pressure from enlarged glands in his



chest. The cancer, which had infiltrated the skin of his forehead, grew until it stretched from ear to ear. And then suddenly, before any other treatment was started, the glands started to go down; he found he could breathe again, and the cancer cleared from his face, leaving only a

slight scar.
Now Mr McLoughlin's doctors report normal x-rays and pathology findings. He has never felt better, and to demonstrate his enthusiasm

for life will have a holiday in Paris with his daughter after he leaves London. Mr McLoughlin amibutes the miracle to the beneficial affects of two meals a week of black beans and rice; but most doctors have seen other cases of spontaneous recovery from apparently hopeless cases of cancer without the help of beans. The moral is that no doctor should ever be dogmatic about the prognosis, and that no patient

should ever give up hope.

Old and underfed

IN DICKENS'S era unwanted children had short commons in the orphanage; now it is the turn of the institutionalised elderly.

A recent conference on nutrition and ageing ad-dressed the problem of gross weight loss in elderly hospitalbound patients. According to one speaker, this was usually not the result of malabsorption or a change in metabolism, but of a system whereby all patients were fed the same amount of food regardless of their individual needs.

There were varying responses. One speaker warned that, although it was important to increase fibre intake, processed sources of bran could prevent the absorption of essential minerals. The fibre should be naturally occuring as in brown bread, vegetables and fruit.

Another pointed to the possibly beneficial influence of a high intake of anti-oxident vitamins on the development of Alzheimer's disease.

Finally, a plea was made for more exercise so that the jaded appetites could be stimulated, encouraging the consumption of more essential vitamins and minerals.





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A fat chance of success

The doyens of dieting are now reassessing its value. Victoria McKee reports

owards the end of last year it was reported that the number of fat people in Britain was expanding. A Royal College of Physicians conference was told that between 1987 and 1980, the proportion of "very fat" women rose from 8 to 12 per cent, and of obese men from 6 to 8 per cent. This coincided with a report by the Centre of Research and Information for Overweight in France that judged British women to be Europe's most "food susceptible. Their dependency on food was contrasted with the balanced, epicurean approach of the French.

There is growing concern among expens that the national obsession with dieting may be having a serious effect on our collective health. This is coupled with a suspicion that the only figures dieting benefits are those on the balance sheets of the slimming industry. A decade after Geoffrey Cannon first suggested, in his book of the same title, that "Dieting Makes You Fat', there is increas-

ing public support for such a view. Even Bernice Weston, who in 1967 founded WeightWatchers in the UK. has changed direction and would seem to be biting the hand that fed her. I think diets are damaging," she says. "There is a 100 per cent failure rate with every diet, by definition, because the word diet means something you go on and fall off. It does not mean a total change in the way you think and live." The 1990s, she feels. "should be a decade without diets, a

time when people take more re-sponsibility for their own actions". This does not mean that she feels fat can be beautiful, however, or healthy. "I have nothing against the Rubenesque, but there is nothing pretty or healthy about a flabby stomach. And obesity is a killer. I lost a husband aged 44 to heart disease which I am convinced was

due to his weight problems."

But if both excess weight and dieting are damaging, what is the answer? What Mrs Weston and

other stimming gurus like her are now advocating is the re-education of eating habits for ever — a life plan rather than a diet.

Rosemary Conley (of the Hip and Thigh Diet fame) specifically avoided the word "diet" in the title of her new book Whale Rody.

of her new book, Whole Body Programme. Next month, Mrs Weston is launching a new weightwatching organisation called Wise Weighs. Although her new programme, as expounded in her forthcoming book, Bank Bal ance Diet. involves counting calories, and sounds suspiciously like a diet, she insists that it is not a diet but a "new philosophy".
"At Wise Weighs we will get to

the root of the problems which can cause women to overeat," she promises. "We will have sessions called WIT -- women in transition since it is difficult transitional times such as pregnancy, divorce, and so on, which seem to cause

women to over-eat."

Among medical experts, there is disagreement as to whether bad eating habits have profound psychological roots. According to Ger-ald Shaper, a professor of clinical epidemiology at the Royal Free Hospital in London and an expert on the effect of weight on heart disease and hypertension, "People are usually overweight simply because very few take enough exercise these days to justify the calories they're taking in. You don't have to invoke the perils of their childhood or how they feel about

In the other camp is Dr Bridget Dolan, a psychologist from St George's Hospital Medical School with experience in the treatment of eating disorders. "Eating disorders are often about a conflict between what people feel is expected of them and what they are," she says, "and women seem to have many more roles that they are torn between." Dr Dolan is sceptical of the new terminology used by Mrs Weston and Mrs Conley, and regards these "programmes" as simply diets in



A member of WeightWatchers after shedding 65lb. But most slimmers put the weight back on

new clothing, which may create a new dependency.

Anorexia and bulimia go hand who simply think they are."

Her research involved charting new dependency.

Anorexia and bulimia go hand in hand with dieting worries, says

Dr Dolan. Her studies have shown that in cultures untouched by the Western ideal of slimness in women, such eating disorders are unknown.

The dieting industry, so well-developed in the West, gets much of the blame for the increase in eating disorders. Dr Jane Ogden, a lecturer in health psychology at Middlesex Polytechnic, is the author of Fat Chance: The Myths of Dieting Explained, to be published by Routledge in May. "My book shows that most people who use the diet industry aren't fat in the first place," she says. "And the industry doesn't distinguish between those

the progress of dieters over six-week periods. "I found that they all became increasingly depressed, ag-itated, angry and argumentative,"

ood swings are the thin end of the wedge, however. Dr Dolan says her recent work in forensic psychiatry has shown a link between eating disorders and acts of violence in both men and women. Lots of compul-sive behaviours go hand in hand," she says."I've seen more men with eating problems since I've worked in forensic psychiatry than I ever did in an eating disorders clinic -

because men don't come forward in that way," she says.

Men are increasingly being

brought into the picture, however. According to Dr Dolan's book on eating disorders, Why Women, nearly a third of pre-pubescent anorectics are male, against earlier estimates of less than a tenth. Mrs Weston thinks male interest in diet and weight is increasing, and she hopes to have as many men as women at the Wise Weighs sessions. She believes that the advent of men's magazines such as Esquire and GQ is beginning to make men more body-conscious. "When I started WeightWatchers in Britain we had only 5 per cent men," Mrs Weston says. "Now it's up to about 40 per cent, and in America in some areas it's 50-50."

Surgery closed

In parts of America the traditional family doctor is becoming a rare breed

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"Have you used our service before?" asked the young man from the Prologue Dial Doctors agency. Well, then. I'll have to ask for some personal details, I hope you don't mind." Within a couple of minutes the young man from the organisation that advertises itself as America's most complete information source on doctors was trying to fix me up with a thoracic surgeon who wanted, according to the

Prologue spiel, to form a relationship with me. "Call me old-fashioned," 1 replied. "but I really don't want to form a relationship with my doctor.

My request for a basic, plain, simple doctor fell on deaf ears. My explanation of why I needed a doctor - to check-up

on a hairline fracture of a rib and torn and bruised muscles, all the result of a car smash in Detroit 24 hours earlier - only served to provoke him to offer cardiologists, orthopaedic surgeons and neurologists, most costing well over \$200 (El 10) for an initial consultation.

The simplicity of my request confused him. "You have chronic back-pain?" he asked, for the third time. No. I had a car accident, it is

Trying to find what Americans call a "primary care" doctor, in short a GP, is no mean feat in Washington DC. The big money in medicine in the US is in the specialisms, particularly in surgery. The private-insurance driven US health care system encourages overkill. Why have a doctor just feel your arm when you can have a surgeon ultrasound it? The insurance company will pay.

"This creature, the personal physician-type thing, is pretty well vanished," said Dr James Snyder. who closed his 22-year-old solo Washington practice in 1990 after finally despairing of high running costs and declining income.

No central agency keeps a record of how many general doctors have given up their practices. But Joseph Boyle, the executive vice-president of the American Society of Internal Medicine, says: "We are hearing more and more frequently physi-cians saying, "I've had enough"." According to the New England Journal, a weekly medical magazine, during the last six years there has been a 19 per cent decline in medical graduates entering internal medicine (general practice with some specialisation), paediatrics and family practice - the mainstays of primary care. Family doctors have seen their incomes grow in the 1980s but far below the average increases of the American workforce. Their incomes have also grown less rapidly than their overhead costs. Insurance charges have leapt.Medical supply costs have increased above

the rate of inflation. A recent survey suggests that 70 per cent of general doctors believe they do not have enough control over their practice. Eighty per cent had been satisfied with their jebs when they started out in medicine but only 20 per

cent are content now. Dr Eugene Hildreth, the president of the American College of Physicians, said of my experience with Prologue: "That's classic. Good medical practice would dictate that you should see a general doctor before you go to a specialist. But there is tremendous pressure now from consumer marketing by specialists who want to attract

qually, many patients are now keen to go in for a bit of now keen to go in for a oil of self-diagnosis and decide which specialist they need to see. Frequently, they do not need to see a specialist at all or they send themselves to the wrong one. Time and money is wasted.

There is a serious shortage of primary care doctors," Dr Hildreth says. "So, which is an economically dumb way to use medical manpower. Primary care doctors suffer from lack of respect, lack of appropriate payment and an awesome administrative burden.

My own story ended happily. A neighbour came up with a general doctor. The moment I saw him I knew this was the man for me. He wore an old tweed jacket and looked like he not only had children but grandchildren as well. Eschewing gadgetry, he just looked me over and winced when I yelped.

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Auctions with a shiny face

The brighter side of recession is

the car auction.

Kevin Eason

observes a trend

he electronic counter at ADT Auctions dicked round like an athlete's stopwarch. During recession it seems inconceivable that 116 cars could be sold in 90 minutes. While new-car dealers groan, the auction world stays

almost depression-proof.

ADT, Britain's biggest auction group with 25 sites handling more than 800,000 vehicles worth £1.5 billion a year, is one of the trade's

Second-hand cars outsell new by almost three to one, and 65 per cent of used-car buyers purchase a second-hand model as their main transport. It is a £17 billion industry, yet it constantly attracts the wrong kind of attention. This market is labelled as the world of Arthur Daleys, where buyers worry that their second biggest purchase in life could be a financial disaster.

Auctions, more than most, have the reputation of offering cheap cars — inviting you to gamble that the shiny model you drive away is not, in trade parlance, a "lemon". Only about 5 per cent of used cars



Bargain-hunters: today's auction may offer them better quality and service, and guarantees too

go through auctions, probably re-flecting public suspicion. At ADT's main Blackbushe site,

in Hampshire, buyers are two types: the sharp-suits with short. severe haircuts and mobile telephones, and the leather-jacketsand jeans brigade. A trade auction is not the place for the wide eyed or faint-hearted. Prices are fixed clearly and quickly, giving a good indication of which cars are holding values.

Auctions also offer speed. Fleet owners or dealers wanting to sell several cars at a time might struggle in today's depressed climate to find buyers on forecourts. At auction. the cars go in one batch through one wholesaler to buyers at a realistic price, often to stock a second-hand showroom.

ADT, formerly British Car Auctions, also provides public sales and specialist days, for classic cars, for example, where a private buyer can get his dream car at a knockdown price because the "middle man" dealer's profit margin is avoided. However, there is always a miggling worry that the cheap car is also one that will cause endless trouble.

ADT is trying to end all that with ionalism of the new-car

showroom. Cars are separated according to likely price and condi-tion and can be valeted and repaired to look their best.

The buyer gets a full history with the car plus an indemnity against its being stolen, subject to an outstanding hire purchase agreement, or having its odometer illegally turned back.

Tom Gibson, ADT Auctions' chairman, says: "We have to take the responsibility for the cars we sell. It is time for the auction business to be regarded as well as a dealership and for buyers and sellers of a car to have confidence."

THERE has rarely been a better time to buy a used car. ADT says prices have hardened about 2 per cent since 1990, although there

are still bargains to be had. High-performance cars are being "dumped" at auctions, according to BRS Car Auctions, because owners cannot afford high insurance premiums.

Expect cars with GTi, GTE and SRi badges to be about 20 per cent cheaper than normal.

Try to buy a late model car and look for a well kept interior and a good paint finish.

Use this checklist to help: Check paint for ripples or bad matching, possibly indicating accident damage. Check underneath for rust.

· Look under the bonnet for oil leaks or signs of neglect, which may mean lack of proper servicing. Check the interior for wear, particularly the rubber on the clutch and throttle pedals. Heavy wear there but low mileage may mean the car has been clocked.

 Look closely at the odometer. Uneven numbers or other oddities may mean it has been turned back. • If there are no test certificate, ownership or service documents.

 Take a long test drive if you are allowed. You may not be able to at auctions. Check for rattles and look for smoke when the car is revved. Make sure the car stops in a straight line and the steering does

according to Karel Van Miert, the

transport commissioner. Lorries

and coaches are already subject to

laws introducing engine speed

governors progressively by 1998. Mr Van Miert says no proposals

have been made but a new safety

body will "criticise or comment on"

More than 1,600 were being

loaded on to one ship. More than

6,000 of Rover's baby cars bound

for Japan have been loaded at

Southampton recently, and British-

manufactured cars account for two-

thirds of the vehicles going through

CITROEN claims it is making two

of the safest cars in their class.

Although police reports for the

government's Central Statistical

Office showed that 8 per cent of

accidents in small cars result in

death, the figure for Citroen's AX

was 6 per cent. In the medium

segment the overall deaths per

accident figure was 8 per cent but

the BX mid-range model showed a

VAUXHALL is extending its

"peace of mind" motoring package to used cars through its Network Q dealers. The cost is £69.50, regard-

less of make or model, and cover can be extended for three years using RAC recovery services in Britain and on the European

Continent. Assistance includes emergency accommodation, re-

placement vehicle, alternative transport and legal assistance.

IN THE wake of news that GTi

an automatic gearbox, power steering and a 105bhp 1.9-litre engine.

The colours are green or gold and the price is £12,836. The other

newcomer is the 309 Goodwood, a

sportier 130bhp model with wood

and leather interior trim, compact

Peugeot pair

return of 5 per cent.

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THE European Commission is considering the possibility of tighter speed controls on cars. THE rusting hulk of a 1948 sports car, found in a Highland field and full of twigs and leaves, is expected to fetch £12,000 at auction on Monday. The 1948 1.5-litre HRG is being sold by Sotheby's at RAF Hendon, north London. The HRG won the Scottish Top Gear Rally Championship in 1954 and eventually moved to its present owner in 1956 for £350. His widow kept the the idea of extending the controls to car in a field for 18 years until Sotheby's discovered it and persuaded her to sell.

THE Port of Southampton was Funding the run handling its biggest single ship-ment of Minis to Japan this week.

MITSUBISHI is to sponsor the Classic Marathon, the race involving 90 models built before 1966 from the Tower of London to Italy, starting on June 6. The tests include special stages in Belgium. Germany and Czechoslovakia before the cars, including Jaguars. MGs, Triumphs, Austin Healeys and Aston Martins, tackle mountain passes through the Dolomites.

Hitler's wheels

THE quest for far tous cars to exhibit at the Classic and Sportscar International Show from May 23 to 25 has turned up some interesting finds. Cars belonging to Hitler. Mussolini and Eva Perón are expected at the show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham. The star will undoubtedly be the 19ft bullet-proof Mercedes-Benz 770K used by Hitler, but there will be light relief from an autojumble and displays of other classic cars.



cars are falling in popularity because of heavy insurance in-Brake alert creases, Peugeot has added two BMW is recalling some of its most new models to the high-performance range. A special edition 205 comes with the Gentry badge and

exotic motorcycles for a safety check after the company found that road salt could dislodge brake pads. BMW emphasises that there have been no cases in Britain so far. The recall affects the K1, K100RS 16-valve and R100R machines. and the checks or the repairs will be carried out free.

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Workhorse that puts on the style

ESTATE cars are workhorses, carrying children and luggage for the family holiday, and packed with everything from rolls of carpet to plumber's tools by tradesmen needing more space.

The market has been dominated by Volvo, Kevin Eason writes. Women on the school run particularly love the heavy feel of a Volvo reassuring them that they are safe as well as comfortable.

BMW thinks an estate can also have style and yesterday launched its new 5-series estates, which carry a Touring badge. There are only 25,000 estate

sales a year, so the market is

crowded with Citroen's new XM.

the Mercedes, a new Ford Grana-

da coming soon and, of course, the Volvo. BMW emphasises the quality and performance of its new model, but there is a degree of practicality too. Although the BMW's boot is not as big as the Volvo's, the S-series offers plenty of room. The rear seats are split onethird to two-thirds, offering some loading flexibility. The tailgate opens to reveal a lower lip for easy loading but one unusual feature is that the rear screen also opens so that packed luggage does not have to be disturbed if a forgotten item

Interiors are typically BMW. In

Estate with a good line: BMW's offering is comfortable, roomy and stylish in a crowded market the 520i Touring I tested, the cabin was comfortable if austere in a

£21,000 car. The driving had BMW's best qualities but the 150

brake horsepower six-cylinder felt

BMW offers more style than a Voivo but probably less substance, and at a higher price. A shade over £21,000 will buy a 2.3 GLE 940 Estate while Citroen offers a highly equipped 2.0i Si model at a little underpowered to pull a body of this size. There is no doubt that the

BMW 520i TOURING. Price: £20,950. Engine: 6-cylinder, 24-valve, offering 150bhp through five-speed manual gearbox (auto-matic available). Performance: 0 to 60mph in 11.3 seconds, top speed 127mph, fuel 21.4mpg in town.

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Queen's Bench Divisional Court Shock can be reasonable excuse

Before Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Judgment March 23

Justices were entitled, without having heard any medical evidence, to find that shock com-bined with inebriation which rendered a defendant physically incapable of providing a breath specimen for analysis could amount to a reasonable excuse for failing to provide a specimen under section 7(6) of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an appeal by the prosecution against a decision of mid-Hertfordshire Justices to acquit Susan Elizabeth Pearman of failing to provide a breath specimen without reason-

Mr Tudor Owen for the

Discovery of new evidence

In re Fletcher

On an application under section 13 of the Coroners Act 1988 to quash an inquest and for an order o hold a fresh inquest on the basis of the discovery of new evidence. such evidence would qualify as new (i) if it was not available at the time of the original inquest, (ii) would have been admissible had it then been available, (iii) was redible and relevant to an is of significance in the inquisit established that the new evidence

difference to the verdict recorded at the original inquest.
The Queen's Bench Divisional Mr Justice Tudor Evans) so held on March 13 in a reserved judgment when they quashed the verdict in the inquest held on January 12, 1984, by Mr Mich-ael R. E. Swannick, Scarsdale a miner, that he had died from

might have made a material

natural causes,
LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that new expert medical evidence showed that the deceased's death had been contributed to significantly by pneumoconiosis and in the circumstances of the case it quali-

led as new evidence. Although there was expense and public inconvenience involved in holding a second in-quest, the fact that an applicant vas required to obtain the Attor ney-general's consent before making such application was undoubtedly a safeguard that applications would not be made.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the justices had found that the defendant had provided one specimen of breath but when it came to providing a second specimen she began to lose her compo-sure. She blew into the Intoximeter but was unable to provide a sufficient breath for a econd specimen.

She sobbed continuously and felt short of breath and unable to breathe properly. Her condition prevented the supply of further hreath specime

it was clear the justices had the test in R v Lennard [1973] 1 WLR 483) well in mind. It was that she was physically incapable of providing a second specimen.

Before Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr

Intoxication by alcohol was ca-

pable of amounting to a "medical reason", within the meaning of

Act 1988, for a suspect being unable to provide a specimen of

breath for analysis such as would entitle a constable to require him to provide a specimen of blood or

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Paula Anne Young against her conviction by Newton Aycliffe Justices of failing to provide a specimen of blood for analysis contrary to service 7/61 of the

contrary to section 7(6) of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Mr John Gilmartin for the

defendant; Mr John Evans for the

WATERHOUSE said that the justices had found that the defen-

The fact that due to some un-

known fault a gun was not

working did not change its character as a prohibited weapon. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr

Justice Waterhouse) so held on March 24 in dismissing an ap-

Brown v DPP

Young v DPP

Judgment March 24]

succeeded in providing the first specimen mean; the case was very close to the borderline.

The second submission for the prosecutor was that the justices should not have reached that conclusion without medical

His Lordship was unwilling to accept the proposition in those absolute terms, Lord Justice Glidewell in Grady

v Pollard ([1988] RTR 316, 323) had said: "Such evidence will normally be the evidence of a medical practitioner, but it need not be, and one can envisage evidence: indeed in some circumstances, the evidence of the defendant himself, would suffice . . . It was true that since Grady the

attitude of the court had hardprepared to say that the dictum of

two specimens of breath on an Intoximeter but because of her state of intoxication she was

unable to do so and the sergeant

had decided to require her to

provide a specimen for laboratory analysis. The defendant refused.

the request for a sample of blood

was unlawful as intoxication was

not a "medical reason" for a specimen of breath not to be provided as laid down in section 7(3)(a).

His Lordship did not accept that submission. There was no reason why a state of intoxication

should not be such a medical reason. Such a state had well

known effects on a person's state

medical reason within section 7(3). Intoxication was a medical

Lord Justice Lloyd agreed.

Solicitors: Potter Butler & Ly-

ons for Basil P. Mellon & Co.

Newcastle upon Tyne; CPS, Northumbria and Durham.

peal by way of case stated by Mark Lawrence Brown against his conviction by the Woolwich Metropolitan Stipendiary Mag-istrate for possessing without au-

thority a stun gun, designed for the discharge of an electrical

charge, contrary to section 5(1)(b) of the Firearms Act 1968.

of control and reason. There was no reason why intoxication should not afford a

The defendant's case was that

Intoxication as a

medical reason

Prohibited weapon

despite fault

In the instant case there was evidence, albeit of the defendant herself rather than a doctor, which justified a conclusion of physical inability to provide a

That was not to say that justices should be gullible. The fact that a defendant was drunk, under stress or trying his hardest was not sufficient to found a reasonable excuse.

Here the facts went further. The defendant's state of shock was the major factor in the justices' decision. They had been impressed by the quality of her evidence in court. It was not for the Divisional Court to interfere.

Mr Justice Waterhouse Solicitors: CPS, St Albans, Powell Spencer & Partners, Kilburn.

Proximity of firearm relevant

Regina v Pawlicki Regina v Swindell

It was sufficient, for the purposes of section 18(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 and the meaning of the rds "have with him a firearm" if a firearm were readily accessible

to commit a robbery.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Steyn, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Morland) so held on March 20 in dismissing ap-peals by John Pawlicki and Gary Swindell against their convictions in February 1990 at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court (Judge Orde and a jury) of having firearms with intent to commit an indictable offence, namely

LORD JUSTICE STEYN said that a satisfactory definition of the words "have with him a firearm" in section 18(1) was unattainable but that colour had to be derived from the purpose of the Firearms Act 1968 which, in broad terms, was designed to combat the use of mission of crime and to protect

mission of crime and to protect public safety.

If the submission was accepted that a distance of 50 yards between criminals and their guns placed the criminals beyond the ambit of section 18(1) then the 1968 Act was less effective that

was to have been expected.

The emphasis must be not so much on exact distances between the criminals and their guns but rather on the accessibility of those guns, judged in a common sense way in the context of criminals

Anomaly in planning statute Canterbury: Mr David Keene, QC, and Mr Barry Payton for the

Colley and another v Canter-bury City Council Before Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Taylor and Lord Justice Farquharson (Judgment March 20)

It was necessary to give section 164(4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, re-enacted in section 107(4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, which regulated compensation payable in respect of revocation of planning permission, its plain meaning, notwithstanding that such a construction could result in

The effect of the subsection and Schedule 8 to the 1971 Act was that compensation was assessed on the basis that the post-revocation value of the land in question was calculated on the assumption that Schedule 8 planning permission would be granted.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments when allow-

ing an appeal by way of case stated by Canterbury City Council from an interim decision of the Lands Tribunal, Mr J. C. Hill, dated March 27, 1991, whereby compensation payable to the landowners, Mark and Janine Colley, was assessed at £106,750, being the difference between the value of the land with the original planning permission, £115,000, and its value without that per-

mission, £8,250. mission, E8,250.

The court held that the compensation payable was £45,000, taking account of the value of the land with the assumed permission under Schedule 8, which was less than its value with the account of the payable was less than its value. with the original permission.

Planning permission was granted to denoish a building and to rebuild on the same land. After denoition of the building the land was acquired by new owners. The planning authority eventually obtained from the sec-retary of state confirmation of an ler revoking the permis owners

compensation.

Section 164 of the 1971 Act provider: "(4) In calculating for the purposes of this section the amount of any loss or damage consisting of depreciation of the value of an interest in land, it shall be assumed that planning permission would be granted for development of the land of any class specified in Schedule 8 to this Act."

The relevant class in that schedule

The relevant class in that schedule related to the rebuilding of any building which was in existence on the appointed day, July 1, 1948, or which was in existence before that day have a schedule that the schedule tha before that day but was destroyed or demolished after January 7.

Leave was given to appeal to the House of Lords. Mr Christopher Cochrane, QC, and Mr Edward Cousins for

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR said that it was common ground that under the statutory scheme the owners were entitled to compensation for any deprec-ation in the value of their interest in the land resulting from the

revocation order; further, that the depreciation was to be calculated as the difference between the value of the land with the 1961 permission in force and the value without it. The dispute before the Lands Tribunal had been as to the effect of section 164(4) on that calcula-

tion. Canterbury had argued that in its plain and natural meaning the subsection required the cal-culator to assume planning permission would be granted for the rebuilding of the house. On that basis the difference between the value before revocation and afterwards would be modest The owners had argued that

such a literal construction would produce a nonsensical and unfair result. Outside Alice in Wonderland, how could one seek to measure the loss flowing from revocation of a permission on the assumption that that very pernission would be granted?

The tribunal had dealt with the

case on the footing that the assumed permission corre-sponded with the revoked per-mission. Mr Hill had found in favour of the owners and had

"It seems to me that in revoca-

only operate as Parliament in-tended it to operate if the development resulting from the Schedule 8 assumption, although a hypothetical one, is not that which also corresponds with the subject of the associated revoca-tion order. This could be achieved by notionally adding at the end of subsection (4) of section 164 words such as 'unless such plan-

ning permission is the subject of revocation order proceedings'. The question posed in the case stated was whether the tribunal had been correct in adding those words and whether it had been right to exclude from its calculations any assumption that planning permission would be granted to rebuild the house in

accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 8 to the 1971 Act. Mr · Keene's first ground was that the effect of making the assumption would be to deprive the owners of a property right, the revoked permission, without

That, he submitted, would be contrary to the principle stated by Lord Atkinson in Central Control Board v Cannon Brewery ([1919] AC 744, 752): "An intention to take away the property of the subject without giving him a legal right to compensation for the loss of it is not to be imputed to the legislature unless that intention is expressed in unequivocal terms." Mr Keene's second submission had been that the literal construc-

tion of section 164(4) for which Canterbury contended would prothe court in declining to adopt it. Mr Cochrane accepted that. examples could occur. But he submitted that the possibility of such an anomaly occurring was no sufficient reason for declining to apply the plain words of the

While appreciating the force of Mr Keene's submissions, his Lordship did not think that the court was justified in departing from the plain meaning of the words in section 164(4). He certainly did not think that the circumstances of the case is question justified that approach.

The owners had purchased the land for £14,500 after the house had been demolished. They had believed that the original permission had expired. When that had turned out not to be so, but the permission had been revoked, they were entitled under the plain meaning of the section to a sum assessed by the member at £45,000. On any view, therefore, the owners could not be said to have been deprived of compensation for the depreciation of their interest in the land.

His Lordship did not consider that there were any grounds for departing from the plain mean-ing of section '64(4) or for disapplying it. Accordingly, he would allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Farquharson concurred and the Vice-Chancellor ivered a judgment concurring

Solicitors: Mr Philip Wilson-Sharp, Canterbury; Hempsons for Girlings, Herne Bay. 100

Jury in complex case should not be sent out late

Regina v Birch

Where a jury had to consider a serious case, especially one involv-ing two defendants and a number of verdicts, it was undesirable that they should be sent out after 3pm unless there were exceptional circumstances.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Taylor, Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice Ian Kennedy) so stated on March 10 when, inter alia, dismissing the appeals of Louis Marth Birch against conviction, by majority verdict, on January 24, 1990 at Maldstone Crown Court (Judge Wells, OC and a Court (Judge Waley, QC and a jury) of robbery and against sentence of 14 years imprisonment imposed on January 25,

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR said that one of the grounds, which was not pursued, was that

the judge erred in sending the jury out at 3.45pm to consider their verdices. It was suggested that undue pressure was put on the jury considering a complicated case for there was no heating in the court nor were there sufficient refreshments for the jurors. The

Regina v Newbury District

Council, Ex parte Partridge

District Council to refuse planning permission for a hotel to and Another

tion without giving their verdict. [The verdict was given at 8pm.]
The court wished to assert that in a serious case, especially one involving two defendants and a number of verdicts, it was unsent out after 3pm unless there

Planning power

A local planning authority had power to grant conditional ap-proval of a reserved matter in relation to a proposed

Mr Justice Roch so held in the Queen's Bench Division on March 13 granting certiorari to quash a decision of Newbury ning permission for a hotel to Susan Partridge and Richard Stevens.

HIS LORDSHIP said that contrary to the respondent's sub-mission, conditional approval of a reserved matter in a planning application was a creature known to the law and a local planning authority or the secretary of state could give such approval.

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6.00 Ceefax (7791244) 6.15 Faces of Islam (7729027) 6.30 Breakfast News (57345282)

8.05 Election Call presented by Jonathan Dimbleby Conservative party politician Michael Howard tackles questions posed by viewers and listeners. To participate ring 071-799 5000. Simultaneous broadcast with Fladio 4 (1106379)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (8440089) 10.05 Playdays (s) (8936114) 10.25 The Family Ness (r) (8443178) 10.35 Globerish. Celebrity word game (9996843)

11.00 News, regional news and weather (4678843) 11.05 Health UK Senes in which Jane Asher and Linda Mitchell explore health issues facing women (3533669) 11.30 People Today (9302262) 12.20 Peoble Mill. Music and chet introduced by Alan Titchmarsh (e) (2022911) 12.55 Regional News and weather (60654195) 1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (84621) 1.30 Neighbours.

(Ceatax) (s) (9742046) 1.50 Erebus: The Aftermath (1989). Concluding the two part

dramatisation of the events surrounding one of the world's worst plane crashes. Starring Frank Finlay. Directed by Peter Sharp (26117244) 3.25 Lifetine. Dame Vera Lynn makes an appeal on behalf of the Young Persons Concert Foundation (r) (7121686) 3.35 Tom and Jerry Double Bill Cartoons (6970282) 3.50 Bitsa. Advice on turning houshold junk into something useful (77584591) 4.05 Jackanory. The second of two improvised story-telling programmes (s) (5579553) 4.20 The Further Adventures of SuperTed (r) (4382973) 4.30 Hangar 17. The last in the series includes music from Yazz (s) (3620909)



Hoodwinked: Lonergan, Robinson and Morris (5.05pm)

5.05 Maid Marian and her Merry Men. Part four of Tony Robinson's comedy drama serial. With Kale Lonergan and Wayne Morns (r) (8171669) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceelax) (s) (476350). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulater

5.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Coefax) Weather (911) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (263). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.35 Harry and the Hendersons. American family comedy series. (Ceefax) (s) (787824)
8.00 in Sickness and in Health. All's new-found wealth, discovered

behind Mrs Hollingbery's old wardrobe, brings luxury but also andety to Johnny Speight's crotchety OAP. He is concerned that he might meet his maker before he has spent it all or, worse still, he might still be alive when the money runs out. Starring Warren Michell and Carmel McSharry. (Ceefax) (s) (8379) 8.30 Caught in the Act. Home movie gaffes. (Ceefax) (s) (6094)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (870911) 9.55 Party Election Broadcast by the Green party (526756)

10.00 Film: The Mighty Quinn (1989) starring Denzel Washington and James Fox Meandering Jamerca-based mystery about a black police chief investigating the murder of a wealthy white man. Directed by Carl Schenkel. (Ceefax) (s) (882553). Northern Ireland: Mary Black 10.40 Sportscene 11.10 Film: St Elmo's Fire 11.35 Film: Micki and Maude (1984).

 CHOICE: Blake Edwards's comedy has ingredients that can hardly fail. The star is Dudley Moore, whom Edwards guided to his success in 10, and the plot is a well-crafted mixture of sexual liberation and classic confusion. Moore plays a television host who trates his work and wants to start a family. His wife Micki (Ann Reinking) is too involved in her law career to oblige. So Moore takes a mistress Maude (Amy Irving), gets her pregnant and prepares for a divorce. Then Micki announces that she is pregnant but Moore still marries Maude, leaving himself having to juggle two wives and two babies. Perhaps the result is not quite as funny as it should be. But Edwards, who made the Plink Panther films, is an experienced comedy director with an eye for a gag, Moore takes bigarry in his stride and the women give sparkling support. (Ceetax) (s) (303756). Northern Ireland: 12.55 Film: The Stranger

Within 2.05-2 35 Hustings 1.30 On the Hustings (91916) 2.00 Weather (7308596)

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Arts - What is Music? (3930911). Ends at 7.10 8.00 Breakfast News (9120466)

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8.15 40 Minutes: The Happy Mediutn (r) (8280534)
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2.00 News and weather (74771396) followed by 2.05 Words and Pictures. Learning to read series (r) (56224843) 2.15 Weekend Outlook. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (r) (74754621)
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2.20 Sport on Friday introduced by Helen Rollason. Ice Skating: action p sport on Pricay introduced by releast rotation; action from the world figure skating champlonships in the Oakland Collegum, California, featuring the men's original programme and the pairs' free skating. The commentators are Alan Weeks, Barry Davies and Christopher Dean; Basketball: the Blue Circle Ali Stars Game, the traditional end of season game, held at the Granby Halls, Leicester. With commentary by Paul Dickenson and Bills Beswick Includes News and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 (91423805) 5.00 A Question of Sport introduced by David Coleman. The new team

captain, John Parrott, Is joined by Jeremy Guscott and Ally McCoist white Bill Beaumont welcomes Stephen Hendry and Steve Backley (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1927)-5.30 Top Geer. With an appreciation of the MGB and news of the

Vauxinali Sport Rally (r) (840)

5.00 Thunderbirds. Gerry Anderson's classic puppet adventure series.

(Ceelax) (269089) 6.50 Dr Who. Episode four of a six-part adventure, The Sea Devils,

starring Jon Pertwee (r). (Ceefax) (738263) 7.15 100 Per Cent. Teenage magazine series. This week's edition includes young leablans and gay men talking about their sexuality

8.00 Public Eye: Crime - Can They Crack it? Does any party have policies capable of beating rising crime figures? Jenny Cutte reports. With contributions from Kenneth Baker, Floy Hattersley and Robert Maclennan (9621)



Down to earth advice: Liz Rigbey and Geoff Hamilton (8.30pm)

8.30 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton invites loswich people to comment on Sungold, claimed to be an outstanding new tomato; and three Northamptonshire gardeners are asked how they feel now that their private plots are open to public scrutiny, courteey of the Yellow Book Scheme (49843) 9.00 Victoria Wood as Seen on TV. Another episode from the series

first seen in 1986 in which the comedianne is joined by Julia Walters, Patricia Routledge, Celia Imrie, Duncan Preston and Susie 9.30 Arena: Armistead Maupin is a Man i Dreamt Up.

 CHOICE: Armistead Maupin is often told his name is so unlikely that it must be an anagram, especially as the letters can be juggled to make "is a man I dreamt up". But the name is real and so is the man, a San Francisco-based writer whose short stories, which first appeared as a newspaper column, give a quirkily humorous view of life in the city. Kate Meynell's film seeks to demonstrate that the line between fact and fiction is a thin one as it tracks down an equivalent to Maupin's village setting and finds flesh and blood approximations to his characters. As well as being a story-toiler, approximations to his characters. As well as being a story-teller, Maupin is a campaigner for gay rights. The two activities have become intertwined. His paper was unhappy at gays appearing in the column. It relented after he agreed that they should not comprise more than 30 per cent of the cast. (15534)

10.30 Party Election Broadcast by the Green party (596843)

10.35 Newsnight with Peter Snow (319355)

11.30 What the Papers Say presented by John Sweeney of The Observer (513905)

11.45 Weather (784802)

11.50 Film: Piravi (1968). Handsome but slow-moving Indian drama, based on a true incident, about an elderly father's search for his student son who went missing during the political turnoil of the 1970s. Starring Premij and Archana and directed by Shaji. (Subtitled) (567027). Ends at 1.40am

6.00 TV-am (3098843) 9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game show hosted by Lennie Bennett (s) (9633379) 9.55 Thames News (6598466) 10.00 The Time ... The Place ... John Stapleton chairs a topical

ITV

discussion (6047843) 10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richerd Madeley. Yoday's edition includes a film and television preview; advice on fashion sense; and a lesson in French with comedienne Lisa Maxwell and actor Philip Franks (4809060)

12.10 Rainbow. Pre-school entertainment (r) (9719718) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler (Oracle) Weather (7181060) 1.10 Thames News (77551263) 1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama (Oracle) (63131379) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in rural Australia

(96364379) 2.20 Highway to Heaven. Michael Landon stars as the apprentice angel, on Earth to earn his wings. In this episode he has to make a Scrooge-like character see the error of his ways. With guest star

Scrooge-like character see the error of rils ways. Writin guest size Lealie Nielsen (7659060)

3.15 ITN News headlines (3090553) 3.20 Thames News headlines (3097486) 3.25 The Young Doctors. Drama series set in an Australian city hospital (8478718)

3.55 Cartoon featuring Sylvester the cat (6002114) 4.00 Talespin. Cartoon adventures (a) (6089263) 4.25 Tructors. Animation based on the book by Terry Pratchet (s) (5584485) 4.40 Spatz. Comedy drama series s et in a fast-food restaurant (3197669)

5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (8165008)

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5.55 6 O'Clock Live presented by Frank Bough. He is joined by Citia Black who talks about her role in the nationwide charity campaign featured in *Trading Places* at 8.00pm (406398) Party Election Broadcast by the Green party (256244)

7.00 The Help Squed. Michael Parkinson and his team attempt to solve viewers' problems (7027)
 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (843)



Swapping identities: Cilla Black with Hale and Pace (8.00pm)

8.00 Trading Places. Citia Black presents a review of the day's happenings when people have been changing places with celebrities as part of a nationwide campaign to reise money for the breast cancer research charity Breakthrough (9686607)

9.00 Growing Rich. Penultimate episode of Fay Weldon's devilish story about three East Anglian girls looking for fortune and fulfillment. (Cracle) (s) (7008)

10.00 News at Ten with Alistair Stawart and Carol Barnes. (Cracle) Weather (848973) 10.35 LWT News and weather (835244) 10.40 The London Programme. Trevor Phillips introduces the second election special focusing on the marginal seats in London and the South-east (268973)

11.15 Dial Midnight introduced by Anastasia Cooke and Samantha Norman. Phone-in dating show with a resident psychic (111602) .

1.05 The James Whale Radio Show. Another clutch of intrepid phone-inners brave the sharp tongue of the acerbic chat show host (s) (2814683) can Gladiators. Tests of strength and ingenuity (s) (4722799)

3.10 CinemAttractions. News from the American movie scene (37143428) 3.40 Raw Power. Rock videos (6115157)

4.35 The American Match. Highlights from the new World League American Footbell sesson, focusing on the progress of the London Monarchs (8940423) 5.05 Out of Limits. Sportspeople push themselves to the limit 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (46492423). Engs at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

environment of Venezuela (16008)

12.30 Business Dally The latest news and analysis from the world's money markets (56114)

1.00 Sessine Street Entertaining early-learning series. The condition of the condition

2.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American domestic comedy series

starring the scatterbrained Lucille Ball (4553)

2.30 Film: Four's a Crowd (1938, b/w). The Errot Flynn season continues with a agreeable comedy in which he plays a press agent who falls for the daughter of the millionaire he has been hired

to promote. Directed by Michael Curtiz (17143843) 4.15 Countdown. The final of the quick-fire words and numbers game. presented by Richard Whiteley (3939089)

5.00 Cutting Edge: "P" Company. A repeal of Monday's documentary following the fortunes of 39 hopefuls attempting to pass the gruelling course to join the parachute regiment (7640)

6.00 Happy Days. Nostalgic American high school comedy series set in 1950s Milwaukee, starring Henry Winkler. (Teletext) (621) 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. Among tonight's guests is Jools

Holland (s) (973)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Fiona Murch. Includes 100 floating voters on their reaction to party election broadcasts (Teletext) Weather (375851)

7.50 Voters. Three voters on the Eastbourne seafroni discuss what

they see as important general election issues (214553)
8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a suburban Marseyside close (Taletex)



8.30 Short Stories: The Inheritance.

 CHOICE: Another watchable entry in the documentary slot for new directors visits a family out of joint in the kish Republic. The Russells are remnants of the Anglo-Irish landed gentry, trying to maintain a crumbling estate outside Cork and unable to grasp that they are backing a hopeless cause. Geoffrey Russell, a charismatic and resourceful man, died five years ago leaving a widow and three sons. None has inherited his business flair or who wand three sons. None has innertice his business hair or drive. None has any clear idea of what to do, selling up is unthinkable and meanwhile the once handsome house is falling into decay because the family cannot afford repairs. Domie Watts's film finds the Russells extraordinarily open about their predicament and commendably short on self-pity. As one of the

9.00 Cheers. More ber-room comedy from the staff and regulars of the celebrated Boston watering hole. (Teletext) (s) (9737)
9.30 Flowering Passions. Anna Pavord visits cottage gardens in Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire (36350)

10.00 Roseanne. Another collection of anappy one-liners from Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman. (Teletext) (s) (17737) 10.30 Whose Line is it Anyway? Improvised comedy hosted by Clive Anderson (26485)

11.00 Trading Places. Gareth Hale and Norman Pace change places with Cilla Black in support of the campaign for the breast cancer research charity Breakthrough (94006)

12.00 Midnight Special. Sheena McDonald with the latest news from

the hustings. Includes a party political broadcast on behalf of the Green party (64886) 2.00em Tonight with Jonathan Ross (r) (s) (44515). Ends at 2.30

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survive in the wilderness (19843)
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4.00 A Warm December (1973; Sidney woman (5165327)

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6.15am Marx Brothers Go West (1940, b/w), Comedy vestam (639447)

8.15 The Fantastic World of D.C. Collins (1984; Gary Coleman is pursued by secret agents (70913073)

10.00 The Buccaneer (1986, b/w): A pirate defends New Orleans against a British invesion (42108447)

12.15pm Le Gioire de Mon Pèra (1991): Author Mercel Pagnel receits a chichood holiday in Provence (905195)

2.15 Rocket Gibralter (1988): Bust Lancester years tor a Viking funeral (98531)

4.15 Robby the Rascal (1985): Carbon shouts robot (892769)

8.15 Dick Tracy (1989): Romantic comedy about infidelity (972852)

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RADIO 5

News and aport on the hour until 7.00pm. 6.00am World Service World News, 6.08 News about Britain. 6.15 The World Today 6.30

Danity Baker's Morning Edition 9.00 Schools Topic Resources 9.11 9.15 English 9.11 9.35

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All Image in GMT, 4.30am World Business
Report 4.40 Travel and Weather News 4.45
News and Press Review in German 5.00
Morgenmagazin 5.20 Tips fur Touristen 5.24 News in German 6.30 Europe Today 5.59
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2.05 Soundings (r)
3.05 String Trios: Members of the Guerneri Cuartet perform Dohnanyi (Seranade in C. Op 10); Beathoven (String Trio in G. Op 9 No 1) (r)
3.55 Youth Orchestras of the World: Scott Stroman introduces and directs the Guidhall Jazz Band
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Jeremy Beacle is in Cardiff
6.30 The Honky-tonk Man: Big Macco. Francis Wiltord Smith presents the last in the series about blues planists
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7.05 Third Ear: Robin Hotioway
talks to Michael Hall
7.30 BBC Philharmonic: Live from
the Royal Northern College of
Music, Jerzy Maksymiuk
conducts Revel (Valses nobles
et serrimentales); Robin
Holioway (Violin Concerto).
8.20 The Hotel, by Michael
Harding, Read by T.P.,
McKenna (r). 8.40 Fauré
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The Black Rider (4790732)

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather, News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Byrd (Ne irascaris Domine); Handel

(Concerto grosso in D, Op 6 7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Mendelsoth (Overture, The
Fair Metuana): Softwann
(Singet nicht in Trauertönen;
Two Veneban Songs); Wolf
(Italian Serenade); Bach
(English Suite No 6 in D minor):
8.30 Means

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Coloured Eagle: Moravian
Academic Choral Society Academic Choral Society under Jun Reznicekt; Novak (Overture, Marysa: Brno State PO under Karel Sejna), trad (Tece voda, tece: Brno Radio Folk Instrument Ensemble, with Vera Prikszaka, soprano); Janáčak (Jenufa's prayer, Jenufa, Act 2: Prague National Theatre Orchestra under Milan Sachs, with Libuse

Secris, with Journal of the Consortium Classicum);
Krommer (Wind Sextet in B flat: Consortium Classicum);
Dvorák (Four Moravian Duets, Op 38: Kuhn Mixed Chorus under Pavel Kuhn, with Steweller Blogurin, polyno); Stanistav Bogunte, piano); Marrinů (In the Magic Bag, Spakcek: Brno State Po under Charles Mackernas; Po under Charles Mackernas; Paroslav Kricka (Pieno Tno: Musici Moravienses), Janaček, arr Jilek (Suits, The Excursion of Mr Broucek to the Moon: Brno

Debussy, an Büsser (Printemps)

9.15 Bury My Body by the Highway Side: Russell Devies explores the life of Robert Johnson, the blues guitarist (r)

10.15 A Garland of Song: Alison Wells, soprano, Martyn Parry, piano, perform Alexander Goehr (in Theresienstadt); Liti Boulanger (Yous m'avez regarde avec toute votre ame;

Boulenger (Vous m'swez regardé avec toute votre âme; Les Lilas qui svaient fleuris; Deux Ancollés); Robin Holloway (Wherever We May Be): Cécle Chaminade (Trahison; L'Été)

10.55 Italian Baroque Music by Frescobeldi, Marini, Froberger, Fontana and Walther. Duo Germinani — Stanley Fitche, baroque violin, Elizabeth Witght, trapsichord

Wright, harpsichord
11.30 Nevrs
11.35-12.35em Composers of the
Week: Borodin (r)
1.06-2.25 Night School (except in
Scotland) (as Radio 5 at 9em)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extre:
Deutsch für die Oberstute

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.48 Party Election
Broadcast by the Labour
party 8.58 Weather
9.00 News

9.00 News 9.05 Election Cell: 071-799 5000. Voters can ring Michael Howard, employment minister 19.00 News; Daily Service (LW

only) 10.30-12.00 Campaign Report (LW

10.30-12.00 Campaign Report (LW only)
10.00-12.50am Carry on Up the Zeitgeist (FM only): Enter Stage Right a Magician

• CHOICE: Long after the rest of us have stopped analysing what made The Goon Show unique as radio comedy, Edward Bilshen weights in with his own thoughts, and they are notable additions to the critical genre. The Goons humour was not only without corsets, he says, but virtually without corties. And, putting the eruption of the Goons in 1951 into the context of the prevaling greyness of postward and the madhouse of weir gave way to madhouse of wer gave way to the madhouse of peace, he

the madhouse of peace, he concludes that the Goons "want mad for us all, and the laughter they inspired in us was a step towards sarsity". Well put, Mr Bilshan!

10.15 The Bible (LW only): Ezeldel. Reed by Paul Scofield (3 of 6)

10.30 Woman's Hour from Edinburgh. Includes en interview with Leelle Hill. Interview with Leske Hill founder of the Scottish Women's Foundation Incl

11.00 News 11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One (LW only

1.00 The World at One (Lw only from 1.40)
1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r)
1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Nows; Classic Serial:
Buddenbrook — The Decline of a Femily. Final part of Thomas Mann's novel (s) (r)

3.00-4.00 Campaign Report (LW only)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Bookahelf: The actor Herbert
Lom talks about his first full-

over a new fishing anthology:
Nigel Barley retraces the
footsteps of Sir Stamford
Reffles; plus, the pick of the
new paperbacks (s)
4,03 News
4,05 Kaleldoscope looks at the
Rembrandt exhibitions: Jallia

only) (a)
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.05 Any Chestions? Jonathan
Dimbleby is joined in Runcom,
Chestire, by Judith Chaplin,
former political activiser to the
prime minister, and Conservative party partiamentary candidate; Zerbanoo Gifford, writer and

journalist; and Peter Mandelson, former director of communications for the Labour party, and Labour

Goodman

9.15 Kaleidoscope: Looking for Rembrandt. Louisa Buck searches for the elusive man behind the myth (s) (r)

9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cook 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Towinth (s)

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length novel, Dr Guillotine. Tony Pawson casts his eye

4,05 Kaleldoscope looks at the Rembrandt exhibitions; lalks to Nik Cohn about The Heart of the World; reviews Mike Ockrent's Running Down Broadway; and hears more listeners' revelations (s)
4.45 Short Story: Something of Fancy, by AL. Barker, Read by Joanna Myers and Clarence Smith (s) (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.30 Going Places

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a.50 Stop Press, with Geoffrey Goodman

Alistair Cook 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Slazing
Paddles, written and read by
Brian Wilson (final part)
11.00 News 11.05 Week Ending (s)
11.45 Election Platform
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43
World Service (LW only)

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